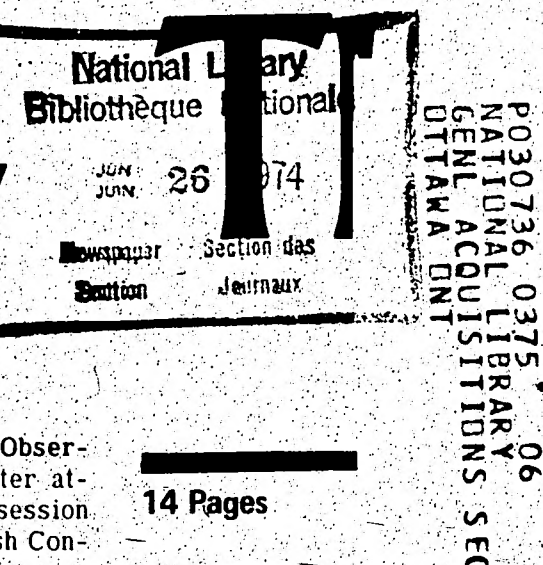


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TORONTO -

The United Church Observer came under bitter attack at the closing session of the Canadian Jewish Congress when a resolution was adopted censuring the controversial periodical for publishing articles "defaming" Jews.

The resolution, which came out of a Holocaust survivors caucus, recommended the Joint Community Relations Committee of Congress and B'nai B'rith concern itself with materials published in the monthly, edited by Rev. A.C. Forrest.

A statement noted with sorrow "that views of bigots and racists are given a platform to voice their hatred and venom."

The Observer, in its March issue, published an advertisement from a religious zealot which included offensive and defamatory remarks about Jews. An apology for the ad appeared in the May issue.

The June issue of the magazine contained an interview with Donald Andrews, leader of Western Guard, in which he expressed the racist platform of his group.

The Toronto Star this week carried a story quoting Andrews saying he was a fascist. The Western Guard was blamed for breaking up a television show Sunday on CITY-TV.

The latest uproar with The Observer only came to light at the convention although a Central Region official said they had been in contact with the publication after the March ad. Rabbi Plaut, chairman of the national religious advisory committee, earlier had told a CJC workshop that a great number of meetings had been held with the United Church leadership in an attempt to stifle "the more and more raucous fulminations of The Observer and its editor."

NRP may soon join cabinet

JERUSALEM (JTA) -

Labor Party circles have expressed renewed optimism that the National Religious Party will soon join Premier Yitzhak Rabin's coalition government on the basis of a mutually acceptable compromise on the "Who Is a Jew" issue.

The NRP would, first, have to obtain if not the sanction at least, the non-opposition of Israel's Chief Rabbinate and the blessings of influential Orthodox rabbis abroad. Former Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir has reportedly met with Rabbi Joseph Solovevitch of Boston on the issue.

Richard Nixon

How do you avoid a certain name?

NEW YORK (JCNS) -

What, in these days of Watergate, happens when a rabbi comes to that portion of the Sabbath service which calls for a prayer for the president and the government, but does not want to pray for the current president?

Rabbi Stephen Lerner of the Town and Village Synagogue (Conservative) in Manhattan, has busied himself all during the Nixon administration, rewriting the prayer to fit the twists and turns of the president's actions - the war in Vietnam generally and the bombing of Cambodia specifically, the early ambivalence towards Israel, and now Watergate.

Now, the prayer asks God to "make the crisis of confidence in our nation's political institutions be resolved, leaving in its wake a restored presidency dedicated to the principles of honesty, justice and compassion," and asks for the "courage to work and hope for better times." Rabbi Steven Riskin of the Orthodox Lincoln Square Synagogue, also in Manhattan, often ad libs the prayer, according to some of his congregants. To the call in the standard prayer for "peace and freedom" he has added "morality."

Other rabbis have dropped entirely any reference to the president and merely pray for "our nation's leaders." A rabbi of one of the city's largest Liberal congregations, who preferred to be anonymous, said he "choked" on the standard prayer each week, but since it is his policy never to change a prayer, he continues to use it.

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, the executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative), thinks the whole issue is silly. He called attention to the fact that the Jews prayed for the czar in Russia when everyone knew what they thought of the czar.

"Just because a particular president may not be liked, this does not mean that one should stop praying on his behalf," he commented.

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Prime Minister Trudeau admires a drawing of his family presented to him by the granddaughters of Saul Hayes (left), retiring Congress executive vice-

president. Looking on are (at extreme right) Hayes' wife, Beatrice, his daughter, Mrs. Stanley Plotnick, and her husband. (J. El-Baz photo)

Trudeau reaffirms Israel's right to live behind secure borders

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO -

Prime Minister Trudeau joined the top national Jewish leadership to pay lavish tribute to "Mr. Canadian Jewish Congress" - Saul Hayes - at a banquet at the Royal York Hotel Sunday night.

About 850 persons heard Trudeau describe the 68-year-old Hayes, CJC retiring executive vice-president "as an old friend and a man whose great sense of fairness and human touch I've always admired."

Monroe Abbey, ex-CJC national president, calling the veteran Congress official "a legend in our time," presented him with an illuminated scroll of tribute.

In a major foreign policy address to the 17th Plenary Assembly, the prime minister praised the Jewish people, saying "few Canadians are more sensitive to the interdependency of all men."

He continued: "You in the Jewish community have nurtured your own heritage while respecting that of others. You have sought opportunity and achieved success in Canada but have never forsaken your brethren in less fortunate circumstances elsewhere. You understand and practise the tolerance which is the basic ingredient of our society."

While Trudeau was warm in his support of Israel ("I doubt if relationships between the governments of Israel and Canada have ever been better"), he was careful to add that Canada enjoys good relations with the Arab governments.

"We have never followed an anti-Arab policy and I do not think it is in the interest of Canadians, including Canadian Jews, or in the interests of Israel, for us to adopt such a policy," he said. "Recent letters from Mrs. Meir and Mr. Eban to Mitchell Sharp quite clearly suggest that Israel neither expected nor wanted Canada to adopt such a position."

The prime minister welcomed the interventions of U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger in the Mideast and complimented him upon "his extraordinary achievements."

He condemned terrorist activities of Arab groups and re-affirmed Canada's belief in the fundamental right of Israel to exist in peace within secure and recognized boundaries.

And he emphasized there has been no change in the Canadian government's policies regarding the Middle East conflict as a result of the Arab oil boycott, "or for any other reason."

"We believe there must be respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Israel and every other state

in the Middle East," the prime minister said to a round of applause.

Theodor Meron, Israel's ambassador to Canada, told Trudeau it was a source of gratification to Israel that "Canada, unlike other countries, has maintained a friendly attitude towards Israel."

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Welfare Fund prepared to assist YM-YWHA

TORONTO -

The United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto is prepared to consider funding certain programs of the YM-YWHA, according to Phil Granovsky, UJWF president.

Granovsky said the Fund's board of directors has approved in principle funding the "Y" for those programs it conducts which the Welfare Fund deems to be of high priority. Determination

of priorities must rest with the Welfare Fund and not with the YM-YWHA or any other beneficiary.

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Panel claims fraud disclosed in kosher meat survey in city

TORONTO -

In a hard-hitting report that referred to "blatantly fraudulent practices that go on in our community," an investigating panel told the Canadian Jewish Congress that most kosher meat consumers are paying over 50¢ a pound more than for the same cuts in non-kosher stores.

The Kosher Food Consumers Panel, composed of representatives of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform synagogues, was chaired by Mrs. Helen Gross. It spent four months inquiring into widespread complaints of the high cost of kosher food.

The report received by the religious affairs committee of the CJC, said, in part: "We believe Jewish housewives should pressure their own butcher stores to take a more realistic line towards pricing of certain items. There should also be greater pressure put on slaughter houses to increase the supply of kosher beef for the Toronto area."

The report said panel members were "most upset" at the discovery of fraudulent practices, but it did not go into particulars as to the nature of the practices or where they occurred. But it warned that the consumer who buys from a store not under rabbinical supervision, either through an independent rabbi or through Vaad Hakashrut, "cannot be certain that she is, indeed, buying kosher meat."

Many establishments who advertise as kosher sell kosher cuts but do not necessarily sell kosher meats, the panel found.

We strongly advise those housewives who are sincerely concerned about kashruth to look for symbols they can trust both in butcher stores and on packaged products.

Dealing with the controversy over the pricing of poultry, the report says chickens should be priced at so much per pound with additional kashruth charges added as an extra. The chicken should be X cents per pound, plus 50¢ for shechita and plucking and another 25¢ for koshering and cleaning.

Asserts the report: "The Jewish housewife is being overcharged on larger chickens. If the cost of koshering a chicken is 85¢ per chicken, then the housewife who buys a three-pound chicken at 30¢ a pound more than non-kosher chicken, is repaying the cost of koshering. However, if she buys five or six-pound chickens at 30¢ a pound more than non-kosher, the butcher is making an excess profit of 60 to 90¢ per pound."

In part two of the report, dealing with the cost of koshering meat, is the following: "Any store which is unable to pay to Congress the going rate for supervision, will be subsidized by Congress in order to bring more butcher stores under supervision. However, we were unable to ascertain how these charges are calculated, whether they are based on the size and volume of the store involved."

About 50% of kosher slaughtered animals actually prove to be kosher, the report continues. "Inspection is strict and as such many animals slaughtered in accordance with Jewish ritual fail to pass the required inspection."

The report points out that because there is a great deal of hamburger sold in kosher butcher stores at a cost below or equal to the non-kosher stores, the kosher butchers must recover the 25¢ a pound it costs them for koshering-hamburger on other cuts of beef.

"Thus the price discrepancies of more than 25¢ a pound on certain scarcer, choicer cuts of beef may not be unwarranted. However, in summary, it appears the Jewish housewife is being overcharged for kashruth. Most consumers would be willing to pay the 25¢ per pound that it costs to kosher meat. In some cases they are paying far greater than this."

The panel approached a number of butchers and supermarkets to reflect four basic categories of stores: (1) chain stores under Canadian Jewish Congress which include three Miracle Food Mart's, one Dominion and one Sunnysbrook; (2) independent butchers under Canadian Jewish Congress; (3) independent butchers advertising themselves as kosher but not under CJC, and (4) supermarket meat counters (not kosher).

All price comparisons were based on similar cuts of meat.

The Kosher Food Consumer Panel intends to continue its activities and it intends to investigate bakeries and packaged goods, Passover labelling and Passover kashruth and the duty on items imported from the United States with an emphasis towards removal of this duty if comparable items are not available in Canada.

Action is urged by investigators

The panel makes the following recommendations which it believes will be helpful in clearing up some of the problems around kosher food:

The Vaad Hakashrut of the Canadian Jewish Congress must be expanded in order to begin to embark on new areas of activities. Some of these might be:

- to actively seek out the needs of the kosher consumer so that various companies might be approached to place certain products under the supervision of COR.

- to develop a far larger public relations and public information program so that consumers can be kept more up to date of what is under COR and what is not.

- to use various publications including The Canadian Jewish News and synagogue bulletins to publicize the difference between kosher and kosher style butcher stores.

The consumer has a right to know what she is paying for and Congress must make greater efforts to explain exactly what constitutes kashruth in terms of super-

vision and shechita. The Jewish housewife has a right to know why certain establishments which advertise themselves as kosher can sell pickled tongue at 79¢ a pound while those under Congress sell it at \$1.49 and up.

- to clarify to the community exactly which signs and which symbols indicate kashruth as recognized by COR. While this is done in the kashruth directory, greater distribution of the directory and additional ads in newspapers would be helpful.

- to use more publicity in French, Russian and Yiddish for those immigrants who are new to Toronto and who wish to be advised of the local kashruth regulations.

- to contact and advise those butchers who currently advertise themselves as kosher but are not under the Vaad Hakashrut, exactly what the costs would be to come under Congress. They should be encouraged at every effort so that the quantity of strictly kosher meat will be increased in the Toronto area.

Harris elected Congress head

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

TORONTO -

Lawyer Sydney M. Harris of Toronto, was elected the sixth national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress at the organization's 17th Plenary Assembly at the Royal York Hotel.

Harris, the first Congress president from the Central Region in the organization's history, defeated two last minute candidates, Rabbi Lavy Becker of Montreal and lawyer Martin Brodsky of Windsor. A total of 360 votes were cast.

It appeared Harris was to be opposed by Professor Perry Meyer of Montreal, but Meyer opted for the chairmanship of the executive committee, a position which was not contested.

In an election marked by its lack of concrete issues, most Congress delegates nevertheless wanted assurances that the organization would not be undermined by the welfare funds.

"I'm not going to sacrifice Congress for anyone or anything," stated Harris in an interview with The CJN. "And I'm not going to let purse strings be hamstrung."

"As far as I'm concerned merger was never the issue. It was created by people who were not candidates and it was just a question to ask," he added.

Harris stated, however, that structure was a priority for the Congress. "Congress is the people's organization, and Congress can function without having to ask for an allowance."

Harris maintained that the issue of Jewish education must be dealt with on the regional level, although Congress will call for the improved quality of teaching and curriculum.



Sydney M. Harris

"But the nuts and bolts will be left up to the region," he said.

The national slate of officers consists of Honorary President Monroe Abbey of Montreal, Immediate Past President Sol Kane of Winnipeg, Honorary Counsel Hyman Soloway of Ottawa.

Secretary J. Sydney Midanik of Toronto, and Treasurer Nachum Wilchesky of Montreal, were also elected.

National vice-presidents are Murray Spiegel of Montreal, Oscar Antel of Winnipeg, David Satok of Toronto, and Isador M. Wolfe of Vancouver. Regional chairmen are Leon Teitelbaum of Montreal (Eastern), Milton Harris of Toronto (Central), Morley Gliberman of Winnipeg (Western), and Dr. Marvin Weintraub of Vancouver (Pacific).

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No instant solutions

Congress Assembly comes to grips with some very difficult problems

The 17th Assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress was held at a crucial period in the history of the organization. The retirement of what may be called the Old Guard and their replacement by new and younger men is indicative of the times and the inevitability of change.

The retirement of Saul Hayes after long and distinguished service heralds the end of one era and the start of another. His departure is not a complete severance from the body he has served so well. He will be available for consultation and he plans to involve himself in Jewish archives.

The Assembly dealt with numerous questions dealing with problems that have arisen since the last plenary session three years ago. It was apparent that one major consideration in the minds of most delegates concerned the possibility of developing new structures for local communities. New structures aimed at making the CJC more democratically effective on a national scale will come: the question that so far remains unanswered is how this is to be accomplished.

The new Congress president, Toronto lawyer Sydney Harris, who succeeds Sol Kanev, of Winnipeg, is a capable and devoted member of the Jewish community who faces a difficult and, perhaps, a thankless task. Just as Mr. Kanev was involved in the Winnipeg-CJC-Welfare Fund merger more than a year ago, so will Mr. Harris find himself called upon to exert similar leadership in determining final outcomes to the growing demand for new community structures. He has promised Congress delegates that they will have access to the decision-making process should new structures be created. As predicted, merger was the question uppermost in the minds of the men and women from all parts of Canada who came together to debate new programs for Canada's Jewish parliament.

There was some fears voiced over the future of Congress, and here again the question of creating a new structure to make the national body more than just an umbrella organization, but a more dynamic and representative one, intruded itself in formal and informal discussions. This newspaper believes that the small Jewish communities must be rescued from the isolation which envelops them and which to a regrettable degree keeps them from the mainstream of Jewish life. The need to establish truly representative community councils with Congress as the senior partner, should have top priority on the program of Mr. Harris and his

national executive.

It is obvious that many small Jewish communities eventually will pass out of existence as more and more young people are attracted to the big urban centres. There are others, however, that need basic Jewish services that only the urban communities can provide. If there is to be Jewish continuity, then Congress must be the instrument whereby the needs of the small communities are satisfied.

This was a satisfying gathering of the tribe. The numerous sessions were well attended, debate was keen and often strenuous which happens when people of diverse views come together. There were no instant solutions, but plans were formulated that have encouraging implications for the days ahead. One of the highlights was the presence of Prime Minister Trudeau. He came to honor his old friend, Saul Hayes, and he did so with grace and wit. But the Prime Minister went beyond paying a sincere compliment to a man with whom he worked in the field of human rights; he made a wide-ranging speech in which he touched upon Middle East issues and Canada's attitude toward them. Canadians, he said, seek for themselves and for others, lives of decency and dignity. Canadian foreign policy would be meaningless if it were not caring, for it would not reflect the character of Canadians, he said. Mr. Trudeau said there must be respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Israel and every other state in the Middle East. He paid tribute to External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp as "a dedicated human being and a skilled negotiator."

Press coverage of the three-day Assembly was disappointing as far as the daily press was concerned. The Trudeau visit, of course, attracted the usual horde of reporters and photographers, but the working sessions at which important issues affecting Canada's more than 250,000 citizens of the Jewish faith were debated, were virtually ignored. The Montreal Star assigned a young reporter to the gathering, but the Toronto daily press appeared to have more pressing assignments for their reporters to cover.

Perhaps the time has come for Congress leadership to consider holding its plenary sessions more frequently than once every three years. A national body such as the CJC needs to report on its stewardship at more frequent intervals. A get-together every two years, if not every year, would result in a less-crowded agenda and consequently more time in which to deal with important issues.

Canada should give permission for El Al flights from Toronto

Extension of El Al service to Toronto International Airport is a long overdue step in the commercial relations between Canada and Israel. Mordechai Ben-Ari, the president of the airline, told an interviewer in Montreal recently that the future of commercial air transport depends on "fair and sensible" route agreements and the creation of a new low-cost category of air travel for the mass public.

Mr. Ben-Ari was guarded in his comments on the question of an extension of El Al service in Canada, contenting himself with observing that "we are hoping for the best of relations within the context of an extension of our service." The largest volume of traffic carried by El Al from Canada is generated in the Toronto area, yet passengers from the Toronto region are denied a non-stop flight from Malton. They must go via Montreal or New York after changing planes.

The president of El Al favors abolition of the charter flight system. In its place he would like to see what he calls a holiday-class service to accommodate price-conscious consumers for whom the Boeing 707's capacity would be increased by 20%. He sees a possible saving of \$50 to \$60 from the present economy class travel.

To provide this holiday-class service, there would be no free meals, a costly item in any airline's overhead. Instead, passengers would be able to purchase pre-boarding lunch boxes for \$2 or \$3. This sounds like a sensible idea: people eat too much on international flights, anyway. In the Ben-Ari plan, the upper deck of a 747 would be used for first class pas-

sengers, the front would be a business class section for passengers willing to pay more for drinks, meals and the like, while the rest of the aircraft would be for the holiday class.

Israel's national airline has a distinguished record of success and it has been called upon time and again to meet the challenge of war and its crippling effects. With the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War last October, all foreign airlines stopped operations to the Middle East, as did local airlines. As it had functioned in the past, El Al was the only link between Israel and the outside world. Yet the airline never missed a scheduled flight.

It is noteworthy that El Al's traffic actually increased during the most critical days of the war, and this can be attributed in large measure to Israelis abroad rushing home to serve, and non-Israelis by the thousands flocking to fill civilian jobs left vacant by those called up to fight on the Sinai and Syrian fronts.

El Al's fleet — three 747's and 10 Boeing 707's — is fully employed now that the airline "is back to beyond normal." Which means, in the convoluted Israeli logic, that the state of the airline's normalcy involves maximum use of the entire fleet to accommodate the tourist traffic which has bounced back dramatically since the October war.

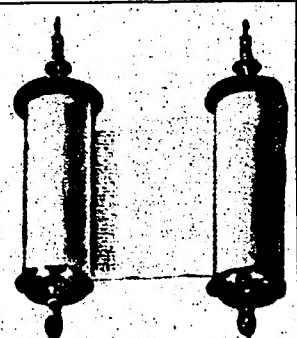
Reflecting El Al's current activity, was the comment of Joram Kagan, general manager for Canada, who said that within minutes after word came through of Mr. Kissinger's disengagement coup, the phones began ringing "and haven't stopped."



Abba Vail, a Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care resident, examines linen shown by Phyl Goldner, a group service representative for the centre. They participated at its recent annual family fair, which saluted Denmark and Holland. (Photo by Jacob El-Baz)

'Our children's delicate souls must be nurtured in summer'

sparks from the torah



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Korach
Vatitach ho'oretz et piha . . . And the earth opened up its mouth . . .

Who can measure what a human being is? Our Rabbis taught . . . a mountain is strong, but iron can level it . . . iron is strong, but fire can melt it . . . fire is strong, water can quench it . . . water is strong, but a cloud can carry it . . . a cloud is strong, but wind can scatter it . . . wind is strong, but a human being can withstand it . . . (Baba Basra 10a)

But sometimes we human beings are our own worst enemies . . . we can't withstand our own impulses. Take poor Korach, for example. Korach had everything going for him . . . he was a millionaire, a great scholar and a big yachsan . . . from the finest family in Israel. He was even a bit of a prophet.

Yet he was still not satisfied. When he didn't get the top job he wanted, he started a whole rebellion against Moses and Aaron. He organized a committee, and tried to discredit their word . . . What

happened in the end? The earth suddenly opened up, and swallowed Korach and his followers.

It's a strange thing, though . . . True, Korach committed a transgression in rebelling against G-d's word. But we find many others in the Torah who also sinned and were punished — even killed — but never did the earth open for them . . . Why especially for Korach?

But the Almighty wanted to teach us an important lesson. Korach was truly a brilliant person. If he just had been patient, in time he would have received the recognition he wanted. But the lust for honor, and jealousy of others pushed him to move before his time. Therefore, the earth — which after 120 years anyway claims every human being to itself — also claimed Korach before his time . . . A lot of people would lead longer, healthier and happier lives if the desire for fame, wealth, and the need to keep up with the Cohens would not drive them beyond their limits . . . (Al Hatarah)

But there is one area where a person is allowed to envy another — in regards to a mitzvah. A person can say, "I wish I could perform as many good deeds as so and so." We adults have a right to be jealous of our children. What do I mean? The summer is here. We adults have to go about our regular tasks — but for the children who go to school the whole year, this is free time.

Yet is time ever free? When a person has little seedlings, can he ever let them go uncared for two or three months? The most precious resource we Jews have are

the neshamas, the souls of our children. Whether they go to day school or evening school, how can they go a whole summer unless their delicate little souls are constantly refreshed with words from the siddur and Torah?

Summer was not meant for our children to take a vacation from G-d. Summer can change a whole life of a child. Summer a child comes into his own. He has time to think and to dream. The child who returns to school in September is a different one than the one who left in June. If a young soul goes more than one sixth of a year without opening a Jewish book, on what will that soul feed . . . what will be its dreams?

As this writer works with youngsters, I would suggest that an evening school student should review his Jewish studies — at least read from the siddur — 20 minutes each day. An elementary day school student should study from an hour to an hour and a half a day, preferably with half the study in the morning and half in the evening. But children are children . . . it is, we adults' responsibility to see that they study . . . and to reward them from time to time for their efforts.

Times are changing. It's not the old days anymore. Torah is no longer on the defensive. We are going to raise a new generation of beautiful Jewish souls — and not one of them must be missed.

Shabbat Shalom.

The "Sparks From The Torah" television program can be seen on Willowdowns Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8 p.m. and York Cable, Sundays at 12 noon.

Colloquium craze on horizon

By J.B. SALSBERG

My good uncle Eliezer pleaded with me to warn the Jewish community of the mounting danger of being engulfed by an insufferable colloquium wave.

What caused his alarm and why does he want me to become the Paul Revere of the children of Israel in our fair Dominion?

As he explains it, he had a premonition: for some time now, that the precincts occupied by the heirs of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in North America were due for some new meshugas (meaning craze). Then he saw positive signs of its imminence in a papirus issued by so authoritative a body as the Canadian Jewish Congress and concluded that the shofar of alarm must be sounded. As usual he wants me to do the alarming.

Uncle Eliezer placed the evidence of the colloquium menace before me. I examined it carefully and came to the same conclusion: The signs are clear and the danger is great. (Diligent students or doubting Thomases can find the evidence in the May 10 issue of the IOI Bulletin of the Canadian Jewish Congress — National Office, Montreal — which appears from time to time and in which is usually given an abbreviated chronicle of what happened and what was said by our people of status across the land.)

"You know how Jews are," he said to me, "they are addicted to the mania of keeping up with the Joneses. Let a single conspicuous Jewish institution adopt the latest fad of the Joneses and all the rest will stampede to imitate."

Uncle and I had a hilarious time recalling some of the stampedes of the

past. Some day we may share the experience with you. But for now we must stick to the colloquium business.

What's a colloquium? On the surface it looks quite an innocent matter. It could mean a conversation, a talk, a verbal exchange of views and opinions, a shmues, a gabfest, etc. etc. In other words, people talking to people. Good, no? Good! What could be bad? But if you begin referring to every talk as a colloquium, when you're faced with the danger of a husband insisting on having a colloquium with his wife, or of irate mothers colloquising with their children or neighbors, then it becomes a threat to our sanity.

It seems that some "learned societies" either because of their love of Latin, or because they felt that a Latinized name for an international conference of scientists will be more appropriate, labeled their gathering as a colloquium. But then someone scratching for a new angle was struck by the colloquium idea and he used it. It was spotted by one of our people and look what happened!

The IOI referred to above, reports: "A colloquium on 'Israel, Zionism and Anti-Semitism As Seen By Christians And By Jews' took place . . ." etc. etc. "A colloquium on the works of A.M. Klein took place at the University of Ottawa," etc. etc. "Human Rights, McGill Colloquium . . ." took place April 21-23 . . . etc. etc. All this in one IOI!

It requires little imagination to predict what will happen when this issue of IOI gets into the hands of our leadership. We will all be smothered by an avalanche of colloquiums from bro-

therhoods, sisterhoods, chapters, lodges, societies, fraternal bodies, landmanschaften, good age, golden age, best age groups, etc. etc. It's positively frightening to envisage the future when the colloquium craze really gets underway.

Exaggerating? Scaring our community? Not at all. Do you remember when a meeting was a meeting, was a meeting. Then when a group wanted education and enlightenment, it organized a "lecture," or a "talk" by someone knowledgeable. If opposing views were desired, then it was a "debate" that was arranged. But when the craze wave began talks, lectures, debates etc. were finished.

Square tables in Jewish halls became a dime a dozen. Round tables were bought at fabulous prices so as to arrange "round table discussions." But the bottom soon fell out of the round table market. You could have collected truckloads of such tables from Jewish institutions.

Panels took over and swept everything else out of the way. Panels need moderators so everyone who was anyone became a moderator. Now the panel craze exhausted itself and all the moderators are snoozing their time away. But colloquium now comes to the rescue! Program chairpeople are already scrounging for colloquium talent. They don't know yet whether one, or more, than one speaker is required for a half-decent colloquium.

Duck, my friends, duck before you'll be swamped by the colloquium wave! Or, perhaps, we should arrange a monster colloquium to deal with the colloquium danger? Gevalt!

Book defends maligned mother-in-law

By MORRIS TURETSKY

LONDON —

Whatever the justification it would seem an incontestable fact that the most maligned person within a family circle is the mother-in-law, and within that circle the most sensitive area is her relationship with her daughter-in-law.

The mother-in-law, the butt of every music hall joke, was once described by a Jewish wit as the "leader of the opposition." Popular fancy has it that she rules her household with an iron hand and has the last word on all matters relating to the family. The success or failure of marriages largely depends upon her disposition to the newlyweds.

Her remarks, no matter how guarded or innocently expressed, were always adjudged to be directed against her daughter-in-law. The Yiddish adage "zie zigt der tochter und maint der schnur" (she says her daughter but really means her daughter-in-law) captures the attitude admirably. The oft-repeated claim usually expressed in self-righteous tones "that mine is different" is itself indicative of the widely held belief that mothers-in-law are best when humored and left alone.

As far as Jews are concerned, every conceivable relationship is delineated in the Scripture, husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters, often with the most profound insights into their moods, traits, anomalies and more lofty and noble aspects. The only study to be found in the Scripture of the mother-in-law and daughter-in-law relationship is the one which existed between Naomi and Ruth, whose story is read in synagogues on the second day of Shavuot as ordained by the post-Talmudic rabbis. It is perhaps one of the most beautiful and moving relationships of all time.

The Book of Ruth which consists of four chapters and only 85 verses has been widely interpreted by scholars and expositors as to its object and scope. All, however, are unanimous that it is a work of unsurpassing beauty and majestic tenderness. Goethe once described it as the greatest product of the Hebrew mind.

In this small volume there is neither dissension nor strife, an almost rustic simplicity and charm permeates its pages. It is the story of the triumph of love, devotion and sincerity over the pangs of sorrow and adversity.

The central theme revolves around the fortunes of the women of the book, Naomi and Ruth, both of whom have been overtaken by tragedy, the former by the death of her husband and two sons, and the latter by the loss of her husband and childlessness after a marriage lasting 10 years. Both stand their tests with a fine sense of equanimity.

Naomi demonstrates that she is far more concerned for her daughter-in-law than for her own well being, while the other prizes the human bonds which bind her to her mother-in-law and all that she stands for more than her own Moabite people.

Though it is not stated in so many words, one gets the feeling throughout that the character and integrity of Naomi is such as to warrant the extraordinary heights of affection which Ruth displays towards her, not the least her acceptance of the religion of her mother-in-law.

ask the rabbi

Engagements have only been late development

1. Does Judaism recognise some form of engagement as a preliminary to marriage and is an engagement ring recognised in Jewish tradition?

Betrothal in the Bible and Talmud refers to something much more binding than our engagement. From the time of the betrothal the couple were in fact married except that the bride stayed on for a time in her father's house. While here and there in the Talmud there are references to arrangements made before the marriage which have strong resemblances to our engagement, the institution of Tena'im, the name for engagement, is comparatively late in the development of Jewish law and is, as its name — meaning "conditions" — implies, a purely obligatory contract.

The sources do not know of a special engagement ring, although there are references to presents or rings and other objects of value exchanged by the couple before their marriage. It might also be noted that the Talmudic sources know nothing of a wedding ring. In those days some object of value was used, not necessarily a ring, which only began to be used in the Middle Ages.

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CONGRESS '74

Panel calls for commitment to improve teacher-training for Canada's Jewish schools

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Maslow says crunch near in U.S.—Israel relations

The crunch is coming in Israel-U.S. relations because there is danger Israel will no longer want to accept the political advice of the U.S. regarding boundaries, Jerusalem and the rights of the Palestinians, says Will Maslow of the American Jewish Congress.

Israel and the U.S. have been enjoying cordial relations for the last five years because their national interests coincided: the former Congress executive director, told an attentive audience of about 450 persons at a plenary session on world Jewry at the CJC convention. With troop disengagement, he predicted advice will be offered in extremely sensitive areas.

Maslow pointed out the extremely delicate situation regarding President Nixon, détente and Soviet Jewry. "We can't afford to antagonize the president regarding Israel, or to diminish our position vis a vis Soviet Jewry regarding the Jackson-Vanik amendments to the U.S.-Soviet trade bills."

Jews in the U.S. do have political clout, the veteran leader emphasized. "We have had it in the Democratic party for a long time and were beginning to have it in the Republican party."

Other speakers on the program painted a generally gloomy picture of attitudes of countries in Europe and South America towards Israel.

Dr. Stephen Roth, director, European section of the World Jewish Congress, said during the Yom Kippur War and the subsequent oil crisis.

European countries exhibited a callousness in attitude towards Israel.

"They showed a lack of political honesty towards even-handedness in the Middle East, a shortsightedness regarding the oil boycott, a lack of solidarity towards the Netherlands and selfish nationalism in the face of crisis," he said.

The world economic crisis may lead to a return of nationalism in Germany, he warned. "Until now, the European ideal has been Germany's surrogate nationalism, that is a situation that may be dangerous."

His only real optimistic note regarding European countries was that a more even-handed policy towards the Middle East can be expected from the new French government.

Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director, U.S. Anti-Defamation League's department of Latin American Affairs, said there was a shift throughout South America towards the Arab side.

"Jews largely are middle class in a continent where the masses are suffering," he explained. "There is a constant threat of violent revolution. However, Jews will remain there as long as the pain of leaving is greater than the pain of staying."

CJC Executive Director Alan Rose reported on Syrian Jewry. Prior to the session, long-time Congress executive member Lavy Becker of Montreal received a tribute scroll.

Rabbi Witty added it was most important for the scholarship to come from the Jewish community so that the recipient would realize his commitment to the field of Jewish education and the high premium being put on his brains.

The panel explained that the educational system sets up a cycle in which the quality of the teachers affects the interest of the students in continuing their education. If the teachers set an inspiring example, students will begin to consider the field of Jewish education as a possible career and lifestyle.

But most often, Epstein commented, there is a "hidden curriculum" at a school — one that discourages anyone over the age of 12 from continuing their Jewish education.

Teacher training, recruitment, and placement in Canadian Jewish education may be in for some dramatic changes if three resolutions emerging from a Congress plenary assembly workshop on education can be backed up with money.

Panelists Rabbi Irwin Witty, Seymour Epstein, and Yechiel Glustein called for CJC in co-operation with other national bodies to:

— establish a national central placement service to channel requests for teachers, to recruit staff for Jewish schools, to develop

a dynamic program to enlist teachers for Canadian Jewish communities;

— establish a national foundation on Jewish education to do an in-depth study on a broad-based scholarship program to attract young people to the field of Jewish education, to plan teacher-training programs; and to support university-centred programs in Jewish teacher-training and existing programs;

— establish a Canadian college of Jewish studies, fully accredited and funded by the Jewish community to answer the leadership needs of Canadian Jewry and provide knowledgeable teachers for schools.

Rabbi Witty, executive director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, said Canada needs to train scholars, teachers, and rabbis and "should take a crack at buying the brains of some of its top-flight Jewish minds" with an award similar to the Rhodes scholarship.

He said money is also needed to bring visiting professors here because "we have not yet attracted one top-notch name in Jewish studies to a Canadian university."

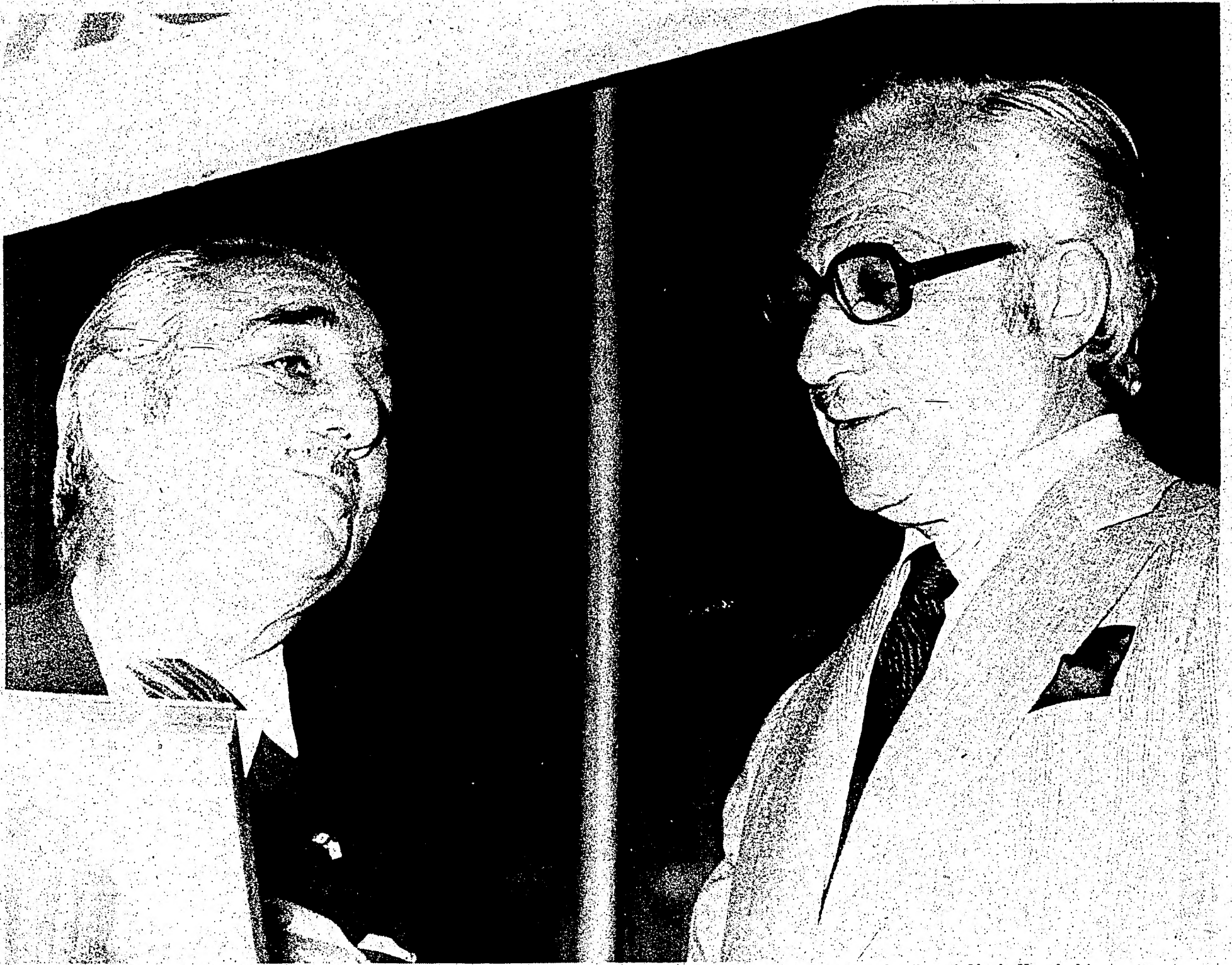
Members of the delegation debated about where the money should come from. In response, Epstein, head of York University's department of Jewish Studies said, "we can't depend on universities at an undergraduate level are less and less interested in professional training and more interested in academic training."

Fund-raising is "developing us into a nation of card callers," stated Hayes, with the community's immediate needs assuming more importance than "those things which may be of more permanent and lasting value."

Hayes argued that the severe criticism being levelled at Congress originates with the Welfare Funds, whose motto, he said, is "anything Congress can do, we can do better."

"This infatuation with itself (Welfare Funds), this narcissism, is what bothers me," he said.

"If some providential intervention could only make of these people supporters of causes rather than of organizational vichas, then their 'hate Congress' labels would be removed."



Monroe Abbey of Montreal, a former national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, presents a plaque to Sol Kanee, of Winnipeg, who retired as national president, at the Royal York Hotel this week. Kanee was one of several Congress executives to be honored during the convention.

Narcissism of Welfare Funds attacked by Saul Hayes in his final report to CJC

Stressing the importance of balance and flexibility in dealing with Congress priorities, retiring Executive Vice-President Saul Hayes told a capacity audience that "community preoccupation with fund-raising and the distribution of funds is a striking phenomena."

Hayes maintained it would be "a revolution of great and beneficial consequences" if each city had a Congress community council made up of elected representatives from all Jewish agencies.

"It is this called merger, let it be so called; if it is called constitutional changes in Congress, let it be designated."

Hayes urged the 500 delegates — a major assembly who heard his remarks before participating in the numerous sessions — "to divest themselves of prejudiced positions, and concern themselves with only one thing — what should be done to strengthen the Canadian Jewish community, locally and nationally."

At the luncheon assembly, Canada's national librarian, Guy Sylvestre, announced the national library in Ottawa has established a permanent collection to be known as the Saul Hayes Collection of Hebrew Microfilm.

Judge Harold Lande of Montreal, outgoing national vice-president, who has served Congress for 40 years,

and Sol Kanee of Winnipeg, outgoing national president and a 35 year veteran, were presented with scrolls, recognizing their distinguished contribution to Canadian Jewish life.

In his speech, Hayes said Israel's Diaspora is entering a new phase, a phase which buries the thesis of the "negation of the Diaspora."

"We will have to accept that criticism will be placed and not be disallowed in the Diaspora when it is, in fact, not only permitted but prevalent in Israel itself."

Hayes maintained it is an unhealthy policy when freedom of speech for Jews means only the freedom "to praise, and extol," but not the freedom "to condemn and criticize."

"In this sense the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War has been a good, if costly, catharsis."

Hayes also centred on a discussion A Tale of Two Cities about Montreal and Toronto where certain events are occurring that have important implications.

"It countries of potential emigration where Jews now live, allow the free movement of people, it won't take more than five years before Montreal will host a lesser Jewish population than Toronto."

He added that the present political climate of Quebec will find most immigrants, unless willing to be involved in Francophone cultural life, will go principally to Toronto or Vancouver.

Small towns are dwindling in size, he said, with many no longer having any Jewish population at all.

Despite declining birth rates, however, the Canadian Jewish community may see a growth from emigration from the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union.

Yiddish Interest Growing

The breakfast meeting of the Committee for Yiddish, under the chairmanship of Professor Arthur Lerner, was devoted to an exchange of ideas and information pertaining to Yiddish cultural activity in Canada, with the participation of delegates and observers from Montreal.

Professor Mikheil Herzog, of Columbia University, summed up the discussion citing the recent phenomenon of a growing interest in Yiddish and the proliferation of Yiddish studies on college campuses as an encouraging sign for the perpetuation of the Yiddish heritage.

Following a brief introductory presentation by J.B. Salsberg, chairman of the Central Region Committee for Yiddish, a lively discussion produced a variety of opinions from both long-standing Yiddish activists, as well as from young English-speaking representatives who voiced a plea for more consideration to be given to non-Yiddish speaking elements in the community, who are interested in keeping Yiddish language and culture alive but lack the proficiency to express themselves adequately in the language. Until recently such young people felt themselves excluded from Yiddish activist circles.

Toronto, Winnipeg, Windsor and other centres.

At no time did either group feel it was being sold down the river. Key people from both groups on the study committee ensured the merger would be in the best interests of the Jewish community in Winnipeg.

Globerman said the advantages of the merger are "manifold," since there is less "we" and "they" talk, with activities centralized through the offices of the WJCC.

But Saul Koschitzky, a former president of the community council in Calgary, said the community merger of 13 years ago resulted in more democracy from the Welfare Fund, but on a temporary basis, with fund-raisers eventually attaining greater influence.

Globerman said it will take several years to "shake down" factional interests, "but great progress has been made to date in this area."

The Toronto rabbi called for a full-time national director to lead the committee.

'Still long way to go to improve relationships with churches'

TORONTO — Part of the problem in organizing a national religious affairs committee is the considerable suspicion which exists between various religious factions, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut reported to Congress in his capacity as chairman of the national religious affairs committee.

"It is regrettable that this should be so," Rabbi Plaut said. "It has been my objective during my tenure to minimize these differences. To my sorrow, I have learned they are deeper than I thought and that, unless there is a great emergency, these differences will continue to play a major role."

"We will not all follow the same philosophy; we will not all see religious demands in the same light; we will, in other words, follow three or four strongly divergent paths. But at the same time we will have to learn to recognize we are essentially striving for the same goals, albeit in different ways."

In his report to Congress, the Holly Blossom senior rabbi said a great number of meetings were held with leadership of the United Church in an attempt to stifle the more and more raucous fulminations of The Obser-



Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut — a major figure at the convention.

ver and its editor. He pointed out it was something of a landmark to have the Reverend George Morrison, the general secretary of the United Church, participate in the recent public demonstration, which followed the Maalot massacre.

Plaut said the relationship with the Roman Catholic Church has been good, "although we still have a long way to go because of the Vatican's persistent refusal to recognize the state of Israel. But negotiations

are now under way to take a group of Canadian Catholic bishops to Israel for a breakthrough visit."

"Turning Point in History" At a Saturday pre-opening cultural session involving a dialogue on Jewish perspectives, Dr. Emil Fackenheim, University of Toronto professor of philosophy, and Dr. Mikheil Herzog, Columbia University professor of linguistics and Yiddish, took the dais.

Dr. Fackenheim said the 2,000 year history of Jewish powerlessness can be broken if Jews can be strong and of good courage. "We can not legislate the world to stop hating, but we can do something about Jewish powerlessness. Jews can no longer exist on the tolerance of others."

He added that there must be a collective declaration by Jews that will reverse the evil and hatred that has been in this world for so long. Strength to do this, Fackenheim said, will come from an understanding that the Jewish nation is at a turning point in history. With Israel, Jews have jumped into the waves and must swim. Israel represents resistance, he said.

Dr. Herzog spoke about the important affect language has

in shaping behavior, and that the resurging interest in the study of Yiddish on North American campuses represents the desire of people to return to their roots. The Yiddish language, he said, symbolizes the six million, the Holocaust, part of a past that Jewish young people are trying to make connections with.

He said that from two accredited courses in the state of New York, there are now 27 campuses offering Yiddish for credit, and 22 more that offer instruction. But he pointed out that interest in Yiddish seems to go well beyond local communities' abilities to cope with it completely — to train teachers — and funds to set up these courses can be of greatest service to the community.

Israel And The Diaspora

Congress outgoing president Sol Kanee seemed to sum up the majority feeling of those attending the workshop entitled Future of the Jewish Community in a Pluralistic Society when he said the Diaspora and Israel are not quite "equal partners."

"The balance is slightly in favor of Israel," he told about 50 persons. "When the government of Israel makes a decision, we have to support

it fully." Max Goody of Toronto said there must be much greater dialogue between the Diaspora and Israel. "The government of Israel and the people have to realize we have the right to participate in discussion. We realize the decisions won't be ours, but they should listen to us. We have just as much at stake."

Workshop panelist Mrs. David Firestone of Montreal said she is not sure Congress should nationally come out with different policies to Israel's foreign policy.

York University student Linda Ross said self-criticism has its place, but in the Diaspora, self-criticism often turns into muckraking. "Self criticism in places like this are fine, in public not," she emphasized.

Bernie Mandel of Toronto felt Congress's voice was not that strong regarding Soviet Jewry and Canada's relationship vis a vis Israel and the Arab countries.

Shmuel Ovnat, Israel consul in Toronto, was an interested spectator.

Community Problems

In his opening address, Executive Vice-President Saul Hayes said: "If we want to go proselytize, our mis-

sionaries ought to be directed to go to the colleges and universities and convert the apathetic, open society intellectual to a commitment to Jewish subject-matters."

Reacting to this at the Sunday morning workshop on the younger community and its role in the future, delegates ranging from high school aged to the mid-30s spoke openly about what they called the necessity for rethinking the ways an individual can have a meaningful participation in the Jewish community. Chairman Hesh Troper consolidated the issue in the word "do you need to carry a membership card or not?"

Rabbi Dome of Guelph said new structures need to be devised to assist rural communities where there are less than 100 Jewish families. The problems of being Jewish, and of being a youth in these communities is intensified. But Reuben Sokolov of Toronto said he sees the major problems not in the outlying areas, but in the centre; that if Toronto is weak, it can not be strong in helping the fringe.

Sokolov said there is a weakening of Jewish identity and increasing apathy among youth. He said the community has subsisted on a crisis

mentality, and when these issues subside there is nothing to bring them together. He pointed out lack of quality education as the root of the problem.

And David Saffrin of Jewish Student Press Service (Montreal), said that at this conference he saw "youth repulsed by petty politics and mud-slinging that goes on in the caucuses. There is an undercurrent that puts down new forces, and a closedness which seems to direct things here — it gives things a self-serving air."

He added that it "should not be assumed young people will come knocking on Congress doors, because they won't. It is changing but the atmosphere is still not one that reaches out to youth."

Report On Winnipeg

With much of the attention of the four-day 17th annual Congress Assembly focused on the issue of merger, the plenary session on new structures for Canadian Jewry provided a close-up look at fusion results in the Winnipeg community.

Operating for over a year, but only constitutionally approved two weeks ago, Morley Globerman, vice-president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, and

By MIRIAM HERMAN

what's new...



A 24-hour learnathon of Judaic studies at Eitz Chaim Day School recently earned \$3,000 for the UJA. Sixty students were sponsored for each hour they studied.

LEARNATHON FOR UJA

Some 60 Eitz Chaim students have earned \$3,000 for the UJA. It was done by way of a 24-hour learnathon of Judaic studies where the students were sponsored for each hour of study. Many Orthodox rabbis studied with the students, as well as parents and Eitz Chaim staff. At least 52 completed the full session which took place at the school.

MUSICIANS FROM RUSSIA

The first Toronto appearance of a musical ensemble of professional artists, recently arrived in Canada from the Soviet Union, is being sponsored by the Borochof Movement this Sunday and Monday, June 23 and 24. This group of six Jewish musicians, who have performed in the large centres of Russia, will be presenting a program of Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian and Gypsy folk music. The concerts begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Borochof Centre, Coddell Avenue, Downsview.

LZA NEWS

Rabbi Irwin Witt, executive director, Board of Jewish Education, will be guest speaker at the closing general meeting of the B. Borochof Branch 124, Saturday evening, June 22. His topic will be Israel Today. The meeting is at the LZA centre, Viewmont Avenue. The next evening, Sunday, the 23rd, the Professional Club is holding a dance at the centre beginning at 8:45 p.m.

GALICIA SOCIETY

The Galicia Society (for persons from Lemberg and vicinity) is having a membership meeting Tuesday, June

25, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue at 8 p.m. The agenda will include the election of standing committees.

ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING

Also on Tuesday, the 25th, Holy Blossom Temple's Club '74 (singles 21-33) will be discussing election issues with candidates from all parties from several Metro ridings. The meeting is at 8 p.m. at the temple. It is open to the public.

GIRLS SCHOOL TEA

Or Chaim Upanat Orot Women's League's premiere tea takes place this Sunday, the 23rd, from 1-5 p.m. at the new Upanat Orot Girls School, 8308 Bathurst St., Richmond Hill.

SINGLES DANCE

The Shalhevet Candlelight Club for singles 30 years and over, is holding a dance Sunday, June 23, at 8 p.m. at Beth Shalom Synagogue. Proceeds go to the club's fund to adopt a child in Israel.

SHABBAT SERVICE

The Reconstructionist Synagogue of Toronto ends its first year of on-going activities with a Shabbat service this Saturday morning, June 22, at the Town House, Eglinton Avenue, West. Special guest is to be Jeff Eisenstat, a third-year student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, who also runs an experimental Jewish education workshop in Philadelphia. A children's program begins at 9:30 a.m. with the service commencing at 10 a.m.

Denticare inevitable, says association head

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO

Denticare in Ontario is inevitable if it is what the Ontario public wants and needs, claims Dr. Melvin Charendoff, newly-elected president of the Ontario Dental Association.

Charendoff, a reserved, articulate man of 38, who has been a member of the executive committee of the O.D.A. since 1971, views his election to the presidency as the "natural culmination" of his political involvements as a dentist. Now, in representing 3,500 Ontario dentists in their powerful lobbying organizations, he will work to persuade the Ontario Ministry of Health to adopt a Denticare plan.

Charendoff adds that an affluent province such as Ontario should see to it that every man, woman,



Dr. Melvin Charendoff

(Photo by Jacob El-Baz)

and child is provided with ongoing dental care. At present only one in three people in Ontario visit a

dentist regularly. According to Charendoff, what is keeping the other two-thirds away is ig-

norance, fear, and lack of funds.

"Meetings with government officials constitute one of the biggest educational experiences I have had," he told The Canadian Jewish News. "You get to see how government works. You come to understand how policies are made. I never really understood what government was all about prior to assuming this position. I've discovered that, in the majority of issues you get a fair hearing."

A pedodontist, or children's dentist, Charendoff runs a thriving practice in the city's north end. Because "being president is almost like having a full-time job, and it is such an all-consuming thing, I have to give up a good part of my office time and my social life to perform this job well," he said.

In O.D.A.'s 107 years of existence, Charendoff is the first Jew to be elected to the presidency. Though this precedent does not cause him any outward elation, Charendoff said that he feels the passage of time has brought about major changes in society, and that anti-Semitism has declined since his parents' day.

Today, he commented, hardly anyone remembers that the former dean of University of Toronto's dental faculty once said that Jewish enrolment ought to be controlled because Jews had brains, but no manual dexterity. Charendoff was born in Toronto, and graduated from the University of Toronto in 1959 as an

honors student. He married his wife, the former Janet Salz, a Belleville girl in the same year.

After being a general practitioner for one year, Charendoff went to the University of Michigan for post-graduate training. He was associated with the Scarborough

General Hospital for 10 years before transferring to Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.

Charendoff is an avid physical fitness buff. He plays tennis and squash, swims, and cross-country skis. And he is a member of the Alpha Omega dental fraternity, which he says has contributed

hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Hebrew University's dental school. Charendoff has never visited Israel, but next year will be able to combine business and pleasure in attending the International Association for Dental Research conference to be held in Jerusalem.

'Israelis shellshocked'

By T. SCHNURMACHER

OTTAWA

Many Israeli families have lost the desire to live, according to Sara Vered, Canadian chairman for the Israel Family Counselling Association.

Mrs. Vered made her remarks at the three-day annual meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women which sponsors the Counselling Association in Israel.

Mrs. Vered said: "It is not only the soldiers themselves who have suffered from shell-shock. It is entire families that are shell-shocked, and these are the people we must help."

The official opening of the Israel Family Counselling Association offices took place in Tel Aviv with the city's mayor in attendance.

Dorothy Reitman who was installed as the new president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada at the annual meeting explained: "The council is supporting the Israel Family Counselling Association partially because we are concerned with the family unit per se. We feel it is important to increase the exchange of ideas and resources between Canada and Israel in the area of family therapy."

"Now the centre has its own quarters, it will be in a position to provide the urgent psychological care and guidance required for the thousands of families suffering trauma as a result of the loss of loved ones during the Yom Kippur War."

Most of the psychological and social workers at the association are affiliated with the School of Social Work at the University of Tel Aviv and they are initiating student exchanges with Canadian universities in the near future.

Leo Baeck School increases its classes

TORONTO

As a result of "an overwhelming support" of parents seeking a Liberal reform Jewish education for their children, Leo Baeck School has announced it will increase the number of classes at various grades.

The Bayview Avenue school is slated to open in September. It reports

several grades are already closed and only a few openings remain in others.

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Bais Yehuda Choir, has been in New York for the past four years, first at the Yeshiva Haichal Hatorah and then at the Manhattan School of Cantors founded and directed by Cantor Zvi Aroni. After graduation Cantor Cohen takes up his post at Clifton, New Jersey's Jewish Centre.

"I wish I was the mayor of Holon," quipped Torontonian Louis Sharp, who was wrongly identified as mayor of Israel's seventh largest community in a picture in the June 7 C.J.N. Making the error was a public relations firm which sent the picture showing Mr. Sharp cutting the ribbon of a community centre for newcomers to Israel. He told us that he is heading a drive for additional money needed to build a security fence to protect the 70 pre-school age children attending the centre's nursery.

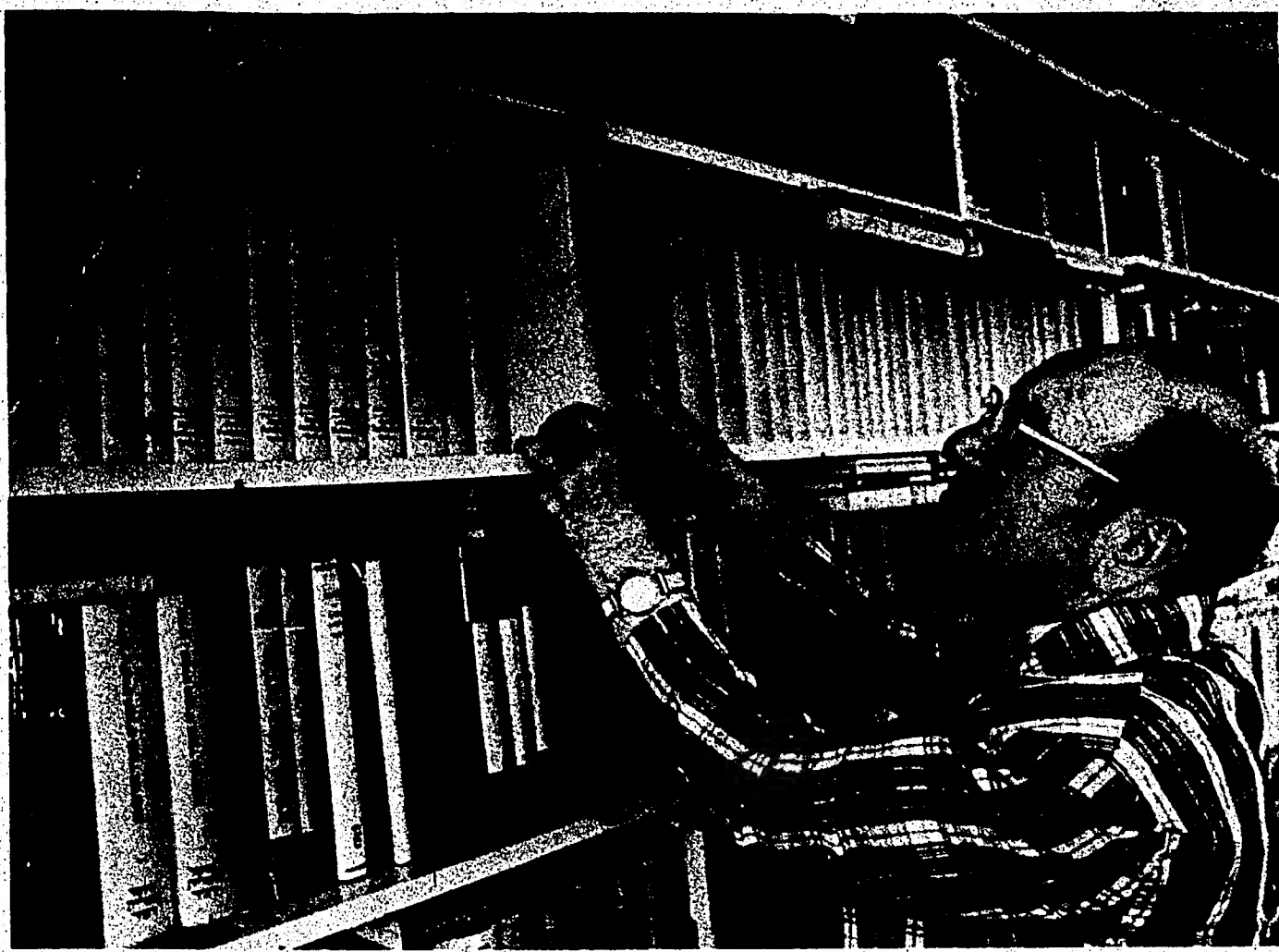
Although the Yorkdale Lodge B'nai B'rith annual Israel Bond award dinner honoring lodge vice-president Jerry Blitzer doesn't take place until October, lodge members are already mobilizing Bond enrolments. Kicking-off the activities is a tribute committee dinner planned for Tuesday, June 25, at the Park Plaza Hotel. Guest speaker on that occasion is to be CBS news commentator and foreign correspondent Robert Mayer Evans.

Seven of the songs in the new topical revue opening July 4 at the Chateau Frontenac Hotel Playhouse in Quebec City are the work of C.J.N. music critic and composer Rick Kardonne. The all-English Frontenac Revue '74 is directed by Torontonian David Calderisi.

Abe Arnold, history columnist for The C.J.N., will be heard on the CBC radio show Identities Sunday, June 23, on CBC-FM at 5:30 p.m. and again on Monday, June 24, on CBC-AM at 8:30 p.m. He will be talking about Canada's multiculturalism policy.

There's still time to catch some of the art exhibits about town offered by the North York Public Library. Morris Shack is displaying his work - he signs his mixed-media paintings May-shes - at Yorkdale Library. And a selection of Saul Field prints from his Bloomsday Suite, Shalom Aleichem Suite, the Old Testament, and Legends of French Canada, are on view at the Downsview Library. Both shows run to June 28.

In the nachus department - Proud mother Sarah Cohen flew down to New York City last weekend to see son Carey Cohen graduate as a full-fledged cantor. The 22-year-old singer, whose early training was with the Beth Emeth



Abe Silver, a retired Toronto pharmacist, scans his 3,000-volume library of Judaica in his Bathurst Street apartment. "Through my studies I have achieved peace of mind," says Silver, who if not for his donation of books to the Institute for Judaic Studies, would need a "home twice the size." (Photo by Gadi Hoz)

Library reflects labor of love which gave Abe Silver peace

By RUTH KAHANE
CJN Staff Reporter
TORONTO -

You may not be able to read a man like a book, but if you look at his books you may learn a lot about him. This is at least true in the case of Abe Silver whose 3,000 volumes about Judaica lining the walls of his Bathurst St. apartment, demonstrate his great passion in life.

Amassed during the 12 years of devoted study since his retirement from pharmacy, this private library is the laboratory where Silver explores all aspects of Jewish life. It contains many books about the Second Jewish Commonwealth, (the entire period of the second Temple until the collapse of the Jewish state); Hebrew philology (the study of the origin of language), and prophetic literature. These were Silver's main areas of study during his years as a "mature" student at the Hebrew University's Institute for Judaic Studies.

He does not compare it with other libraries of Judaica (and he has seen too many in North America, Israel, and Europe), because he says "it serves my purpose... it's simply a lab. If I increase it, it's always

extra to what I need to continue... it's a tool."

The unique thing about Silver's library is that he not only has most of the books in their original language (he is fluent in Hebrew, German, Russian, Polish and English), but many of the volumes are autographed by their authors. Silver has studied under some of the great Judaica scholars and thinkers of our time, and has developed a personal acquaintance with several.

Visiting Martin Buber in his home in Jerusalem and having a discussion with him about Chassidism for 15 minutes, is one meeting which Silver recounts with great feeling. After reading almost everything Buber had ever written, Silver chose to take with him his copy of Buber's *Bein Am Le-artzo* (Between A People and their Land). Today it is one of the unique components of his library as Buber autographed it for him and included a personal message.

When Silver takes a book off the shelf, it triggers off a rush of memories. "I was stunned when I walked in," he recalls. "I couldn't sit down or stand up. He had such charisma. And the impact was so great.

I knew that I was standing in front of a great man."

It never takes Silver more than two or three minutes to locate a book he wants to show you. He knows the approximate location of 80% of his books by memory. And he is anxious to show those written by his teachers, "great men" in his eyes. Books about the Dead Sea Scrolls by Yigal Yadin, concerning Kabbalah by Gershon Sholom, Chaim Rabin's books on philology, and Zvi Ankori's books on Karaism.

Silver actually started his library "way back when I came over from Europe with my father." Now, he says if he had all of those books, "I'd have to have a home twice the size." After studying at the Institute for Judaic Studies, Silver decided to add many of those books to their library. He sent a lot of out-of-print volumes, hundreds of books in total.

As well, he has donated many books to the University of Toronto's Department of Judaic Studies. He notes that the cost of books has risen so greatly. For example, some of the volumes he added to their collection that were \$2.50 when he bought them; now cost \$12.50.

Silver has always aimed to get books in their original language. He explains his reason for avoiding translations, with a quote from Chaim Nachman Bialik: "It's like kissing a girl through a hanky."

And to this man, studying is really a labor of love. "I wanted to learn so much," he said, "and time can be so important. Through my studies, I've achieved peace of mind: it's a stage of happiness I'm still experiencing. But one can never fully realize the dreams. The striving is what is important.

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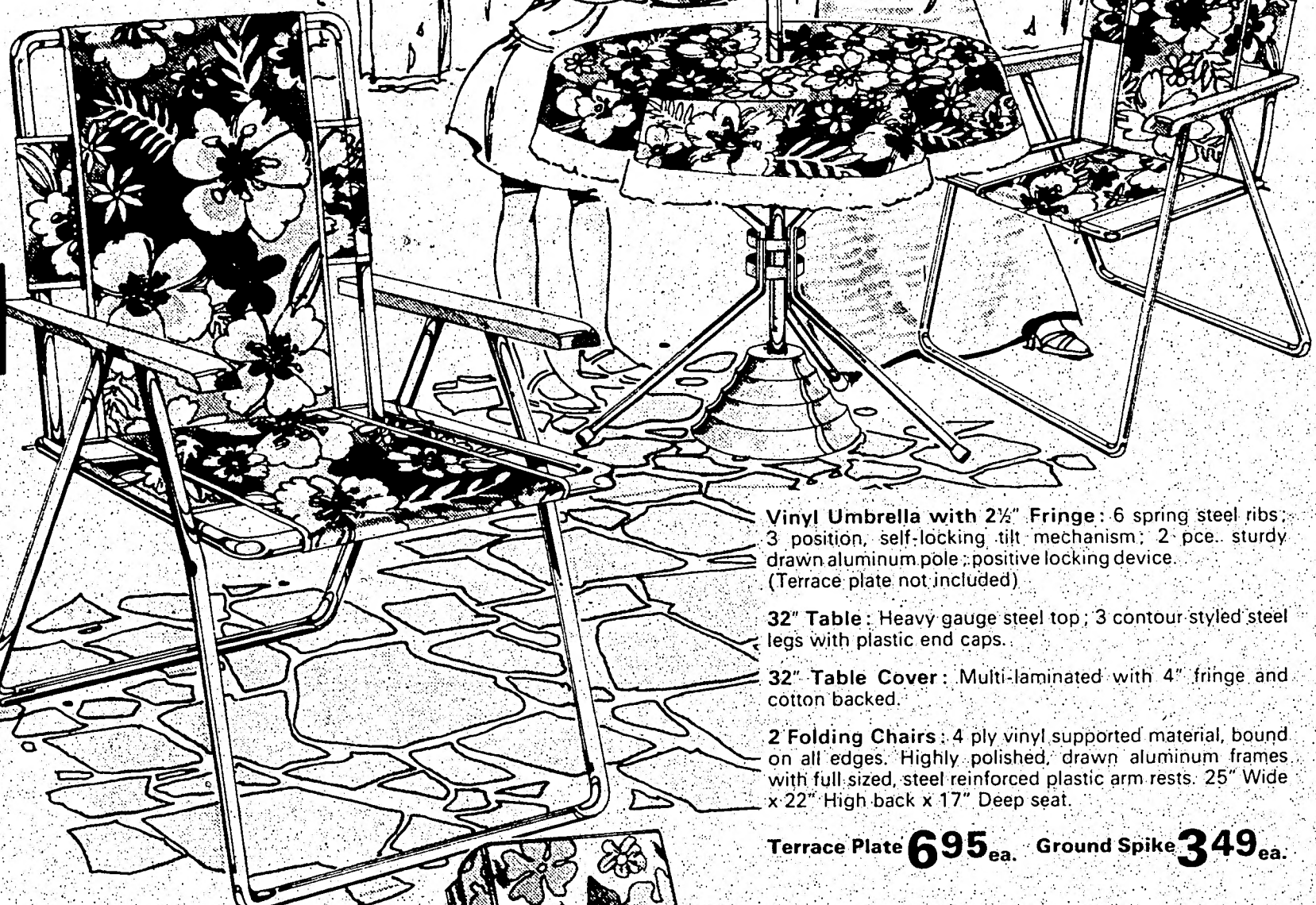
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Milt Lewis' campaign mushrooms in PC stronghold

By M. WOLPERT

HAMILTON

Can Milt Lewis beat Line Alexander?

The answer will not be known until late July 8 but the question is one that no one would have bothered to ask a month or so ago.

For an MP who's represented his riding for only six years, Progres-

sive Conservative Line Alexander's popularity is phenomenal. Everybody loves Linc, but where a while ago he seemed firmly entrenched (with a majority in the last election, of 7,630), he is now facing a formidable challenge.

And who's Milt Lewis? For one thing, he's the Liberal candidate for Hamilton West who decided

to run despite warnings he was nuts to oppose Linc. And for a couple of weeks, it did look like that but then the Lewis (no relation to those other Lewises) campaign machinery set to work and suddenly it's Milt Lewis everywhere.

A "win and cheese" party kicked off the campaign and there's going to be a "Milt hop for

youth." Red election posters mushroom in the wake of the Lewis campaign progress. There's a youth headquarters and a Miltmobile plies the streets. The Milt Lewis Liberal Song Book No. 1 is being followed by No. 2. Teams of helpers work among ethnic voters and two ministers campaign among their mainly Anglo-Saxon flocks. And he



Milt Lewis

has surrounded himself with some of the brightest young brains in the riding, some of them experienced in fighting -- and winning -- local elections.

In short, Lewis is out to win. His slogan is "You Gotta Believe" and it's becoming abundantly clear he is determined to give Alexander a tough run for his money. What he is hoping for is the kind of upset in which Liberal Joe Macaluso beat former Conservative cabinet minister Ellen Fairclough in 1963.

Tall and good-looking, he is a 36-year-old law-

yer, shrewd, intelligent and very much an "on-the-go" "with-it" type. If his name was unknown until the posters appeared, he's experienced by virtue of having been active in the Hamilton West Liberal Association for the past 10 years -- being currently its president -- and having been involved in several election campaigns.

He is also, so far as he knows, the first Jewish candidate to run for federal election in the Hamilton area. Lewis estimates about 60% of Hamilton's Jewish population live in the riding. However, he claims he is not running on personality but campaigning on leadership and party issues. "I am firmly opposed to wage and price controls as a solution to inflation," he declares in a recent advertisement and affirms his strong support for the recent budget.

Lewis calls the riding "an interesting conglomeration. There is no homogeneity but instead

Respected surgeon dies

TORONTO

The sudden passing of Dr. William W. Breslin last week removes a widely known oral surgeon who held many important posts in his chosen field over a long and distinguished career. He was 72.

Dr. Breslin served as president of the University of Toronto Alumni Association, the Dental Alumni Association of that university and for 16 years served on the university senate. He was a member of the board of governors of the Banting Institute and at one time served as president of the Ontario Society of Oral Surgeons, of which he was made an honorary member.

Dr. Breslin was the first Canadian to be admitted to the American Society of Oral Surgeons. Recently he was made a Fellow of the International College of Dentists. Other activities included service as head of the oral surgery department of Mt. Sinai Hospital.

About 20 years ago, Dr. Breslin purchased a farm in the county of Durham and planted the acre-

age in Christmas trees. This in time led him to organize the Ontario Christmas Tree Growers Association and he became internationally known as an authority in this field.

Dr. Breslin was the

son of the late Hyman and Sarah Breslin whose family settled in Canada about 100 years ago. Surviving are his wife, Lillian, son, Paul, and daughter, Rosalind Newton. Both children reside in San Francisco.



Dr. W. Breslin

Community leader

Eric Exton elected president of Baycrest

TORONTO

Eric Exton is the new president at the helm of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. He is president of Seal Investments, Seal Enterprises and various property management and investment corporations.

His public service credits are legion. He is president of Canadian Friends of Boystown, Jerusalem, a past president of both the JNF, Tor-

onto region, the Hillel Advisory Board of the University of Toronto, and the Eglinton Lodge, B'nai B'rith. He is a member of the board of directors of the Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. He is also a member of the Commercial Registration Appeal Tribunal from the Mortgage Brokers Industry. The Baycrest Centre is now on the brink of

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Because family law is so fundamental, several years ago the Ontario Government asked the Ontario Law Reform Commission (OLRC) to consider the relevance of the existing laws to today's needs and to recommend appropriate changes.

The Commission has reported and now the government is interested in learning your reaction to these recommendations.

Should ownership of family property including the family home depend on who actually paid for it? Or should a system of co-ownership of assets be developed on the basis of marriage as a social and economic partnership?

Should a spouse be entitled to an interest in the property of the marriage even when he or she has been unfaithful?

How should the wife's non-monetary contribution to the development of the husband's business be recognized?

If a system of co-ownership of property were introduced, should a couple have the option to draw up their own contract or make other arrangements to govern the property of their marriage?

Should the proposed changes apply to existing marriages or only to future marriages?

The Commission did consider other kinds of community property systems, including those in which sharing would take place from the time of marriage. As the OLRC proposals now stand, assets acquired during the marriage would be shared only when the marriage ends.

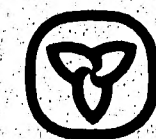
The Commission also recommends that both husband and wife have a duty to support their children, and to support each other when the other is in need and is unable to work. Do you agree with these proposals?

We want to know what you think. To enable you to learn more about the OLRC proposals, your Ontario Government now offers a concise, easy-to-understand booklet, as well as a film on the subject for group discussions. We invite you to send for the booklet or borrow the film for your group. And, we'd like to know what you think of the OLRC's proposals, as well as other changes you'd like to see in family property law.

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By ROYSTON AL

Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV

The London-based diamond brokers, H. and Co. Ltd., dedicated their first office building here outside Great Britain. The \$5 million storey building, this country's skyscraper, is the Diamond Exchange, a new venture of Tel Avivian Prins, a director of said his company with the expansion of Israeli diamond "we wanted the office to have office could be enlarged circumstances. Consequently we own 'purpose-built' office building."

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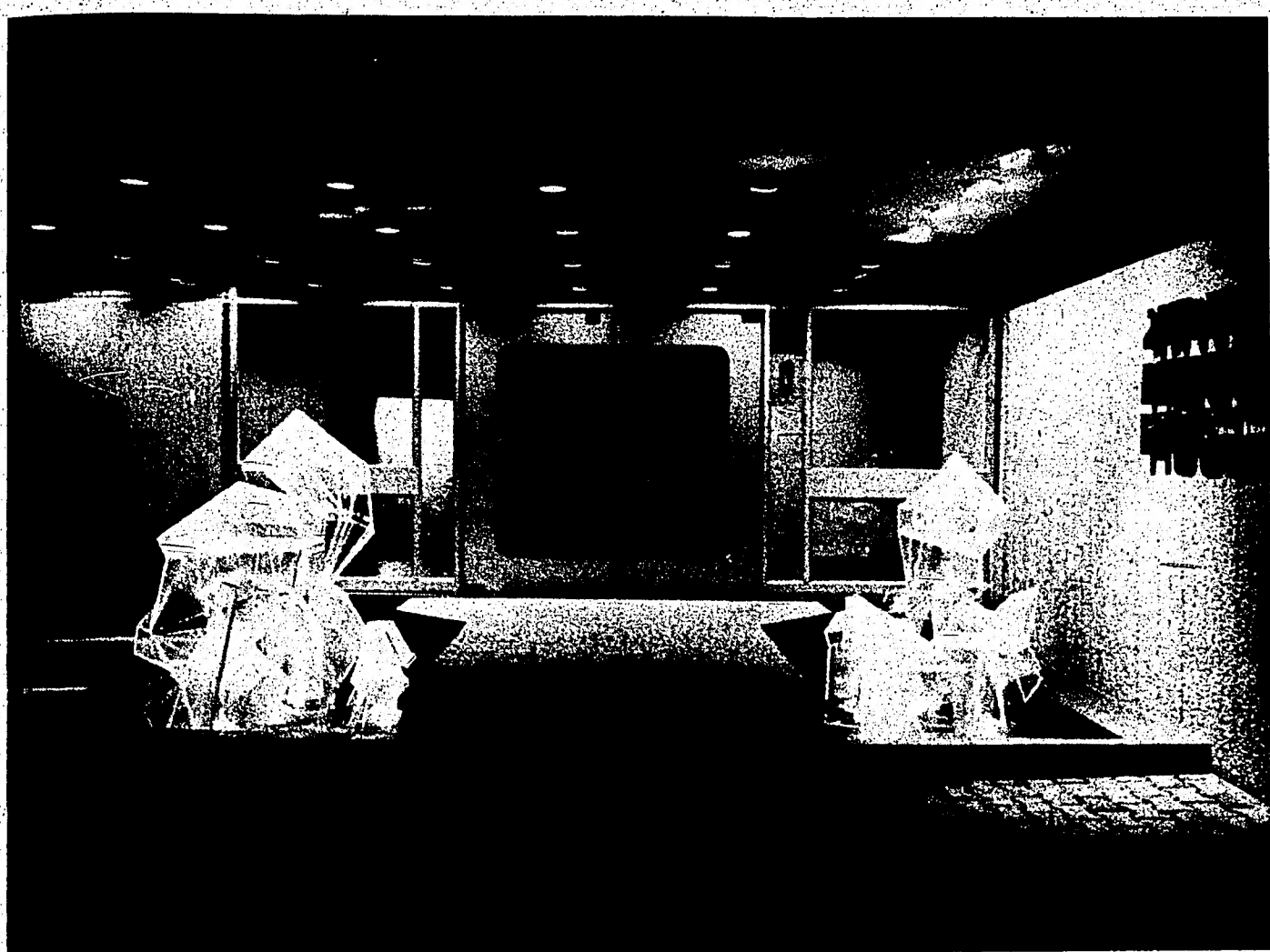
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This is the entrance to the new Israel office of I. Hennig & Co. Ltd. of London, the world's largest diamond brokerage firm. Located near the Israel Diamond Exchange in Ramat Gan, it is a \$5 million, three-storey structure.

Israeli diamond industry growth attracts world's largest broker

By ROYSTON ALLEN
Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV

The London-based diamond brokers, I. Hennig and Co. Ltd., have just dedicated their new office building here — the first they have ever built outside Great Britain.

The \$5 million, three-storey building is next to this country's skyscraper Diamond Exchange on the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

Vivian Prins, managing director of Hennig, said his company felt that with the expansion of the Israeli diamond industry, "we wanted the flexibility to have offices which could be enlarged as the circumstances require. Consequently we built our own 'purpose-built' office building."

Israeli diamond exports during 1973 were over \$556 million, a record figure despite the Yom Kippur War.

Hennig and Co. are probably the world's largest brokers of rough diamonds and pioneers in the Israeli gem business. The company started bringing rough into this country for polishing as early as 1941 and, in 1963, set up their own corporation here through their Israeli branch M.J. Hatsor Ltd.

Israel concentrates on splitting and polishing the "meltee", rough diamonds ranging from 1/2 to 1 1/2 carats.

The reason for this limitation is twofold:

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Prof. Gross named dean

JERUSALEM

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Prof. Gross, 53, Head of the department of experimental medicine and cancer research of the Hebrew University - Hadassah Medical School, was born in Montreal. He studied at McGill University where he received a B.Sc. degree in biochemistry, with honors, in 1941, and three years later obtained his M.D. In 1949 he received a Ph.D. in anatomy.

From 1944-50 Prof. Gross worked at Montreal's General Hospital, served three years in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and then went on to become a lecturer at McGill University and later at the State University of New York where he attained the rank of professor in 1956.

The following year, Prof. Gross came to Israel as a WHO (World Health Organization) visiting professor, and from that year he has headed the department of experimental medicine and cancer research of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.



Prof. Jack Gross

During the period 1963-1967 he was chairman of the Hebrew University's Authority for Research and Development and from 1967-74 he was chief scientist for the minister for commerce and industry. He is a member of several learned societies abroad and in Israel, including the International Society of Endocrinology, the American Chemical Society, The Biochemical Society of Great Britain, the New York Academy of Sciences, the European Association for Cancer Research and the

Israel Endocrine Society (Chairman). He is president-elect of the European Thyroid Association.

Prof. Gross has been active in promoting applied science at the university and was instrumental in establishing the Ames-Yissum Company in Jerusalem, a science-based industry, producing diagnostic test kits

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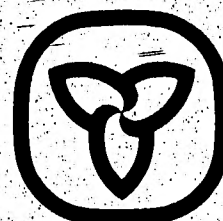
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Creation lacks soul

music

By RICK KARDONNE

"Often imitated, never duplicated" applies to the 12-tone musical system invented by Arnold Schoenberg 70 years ago. In the hands of Schoenberg, it was often a brilliant vehicle for innovation which was truly revolutionary and exciting in its day. Since then, many other composers have tried to utilize it, often failing to realize that 12-tone is a rigidly comprehensive system which too often controls the composer rather than the other way around.

Morris Surdin's piece B'reshith (Genesis), specially commissioned for the Canadian Jewish Congress 17th Plenary Session and premiered at

Toronto's Royal York Hotel, is written on the 12-tone basis and unfortunately did not control the system until the final two minutes of its 10-minute duration. Before then, the work consisted of many seemingly disjointed fragments that made good sense according to 12-tone mathematics but lacked any creative soul. This does not mean that the sounds were unpleasant; the dominant orchestration of clarinet and mandolin created several interesting intervals; but until the backup string section came in for a fairly fast, rhythmic finale, the total effect dragged. There, just wasn't any excitement or depth of feeling.

It's too bad that Morris Surdin became so entranced by the 12-tone in B'reshith, because in his earlier work The Element of Time, which opened the evening's program, he displays ample skills which combine elements of Bartok and some

traditional Jewish themes into a highly original and captivating piece. Here, with no rules to bind him, Morris Surdin has created a simultaneously dynamic and beautifully lyrical composition which was very well-performed by the small string orchestra conducted by Gordon Kushner.

Also included in the program was Srul Glick's Suite Hebraique. Srul Glick means well, and his music reflects his Jewish folk-root consciousness, but in the future, I wish he could be more adventurous.

The rest of the concert largely consisted of several songs performed by Mary Simmons, a rich soprano whose mature voice shows much depth and sensitivity and is yet capable of powerful expression.

'Diviners' taps well of freedom; 'work will be long remembered'

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

THE DIVINERS
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Some years ago, Margaret Laurence, one of Canada's most gifted writers, stressed in an interview that she is basically concerned with the theme of inner freedom. This involves "coming to terms with your own past, with your childhood, with your parents and getting to the point where you can see yourself as a human individual, no longer having even to throw out all the past, but finding a way to live with your own past."

This confession might well serve as an epigraph to *The Diviners*, a complex, and brilliant novel -- one of the most rewarding I have read in a long time.

At the age of 47, Morag Gunn, a successful writer with five novels and much turbulent living behind her sits down to tell her story. She sifts, sorts and analyses the past; yesterday gushes forth like an inexhaustible geyser. She brings to mind memories of her bizarre childhood and adolescence; the escape from Manawaka, that bleak and hopeless prairie town; the exciting years at the University of Manitoba where she learned, persistently and painfully to become a writer; her unsuccessful

marriage to Brooke Skelton, a professor of English, who brought the polish of culture and new respectability to her life; her tempestuous affair with Jules Tonnerre, an outcast Metis and friend of her childhood; the birth of her illegitimate daughter who turns out as rebellious and refractory as her mother; her travels to England and Scotland in search of her roots and origins; and, at last, the knowledge that she is on the way to becoming a mature and integrated human being.

Morag lost her parents when she was five and was brought up by Christie, the town garbage collector and his obese, dim-witted wife. Foul-mouthed, cynical, hard-drinking Christie is a dreamer, a weaver of tales, who fires the imagination of the impressionable child. In school, the lanky ado-

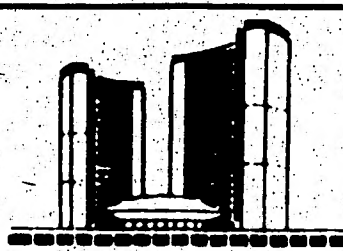
lescent in made-over clothes is shy and embarrassed, the butt of her school mates. She sits at the back of the room next to "Skinner" Tonnerre, the outcast halfbreed, even more despised than herself. Writing news stories for the local paper -- one of which concerns the tragic death of "Skinner's" sister and her two children in a fire -- Morag gradually saves the money and achieves the confidence that enables her to leave Manawaka for good.

At the end of a long search, an older and wiser Morag discovers the quest for her real father and her authentic antecedents is illusory. She learns that dusty, dreary Manawaka, that Christie, Jules -- and others like them -- are both matrix and integument of her life and being.

In the interview already mentioned, the author

states: "What I would like to do most in a novel is to, as far as possible, present the living individual on the printed page in all his paradox and all his craziness." This she has superbly achieved in the creation of Morag -- a character who, incidentally, bears more than surface resemblance to the author.

The writing in *The Diviners* is taut and sinewy. The action is conveyed through dialogue; description is kept to a minimum. This is a memorable work, worthy to take its place beside *The Stone Angel*. Morag Gunn will be remembered as long as Hagar Shipley.



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Audience, panel engage in spirited discussion on Congress priorities

By RUTH KAHANE
CJN Staff Reporter
TORONTO

Feelings ran high as diverse elements of the Congress convention delegation debated on the future structure of the Canadian Jewish community. The topic, priorities for Congress, first discussed by a panel of four and then thrown open to the conference, quickly focused on the organizational split between funding and programming.

The panel was moderated by broadcaster Barbara Frum, included Donald Carr, Congress national executive committee member and past-president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto; Norman May, Osgoode Hall law professor; David Sadowski, CJC director of youth services and Evelyn Shapiro, assistant professor of geriatrics at University of Manitoba faculty of medicine.

Carr called for a single body to disperse funds and undertake social planning. He said when Congress can not implement its resolutions, "it becomes purely a debating society." And May, who agreed Congress should be the unified voice of the Jewish community, added that a new superstructure is needed because Congress does not have the appendages of a democratic parliament.

Sadowski said there is a myth in the community that once merger occurred, everything would be fine. He stressed that Congress must think ahead to what resolutions need to be implemented in order to devise a workable structure.

Mrs. Shapiro disagreed with the premise that structure of Congress is the central issue. She said it is more important to consider how to make it comfortable to participate as a Jew in the Jewish community and a Jew in the world community, an idea which Carr argued could not be divorced from the question of structure.

She also stressed that Congress "lacks vibrancy and creativity," and named leadership and small group interactions as the missing components. Immediate disagreement on the question of strong leadership came from Saul Hayes, outgoing executive vice-president. He said the hands of leadership are tied because Congress is not in control of budgeting and money in the regions.

J.B. Salsberg, chairman of the Committee of Yiddish, Central Region, said in considering a change of structure, the power of Congress must not be truncated. He said fund-raising is necessary but, the Welfare Funds should not be in control, just as it is undemocratic if a ministry of revenue dictates to cabinet. If fund-raising dominates Congress, he added, more young people, already alienated by the establishment, will be lost.

Carr argued that Salsberg based his comments on a specific incident—a recent meeting where YMHA applied to the wel-

fare fund for money and set its own priorities to allocate these funds, without consulting or applying to Congress. He accused Salsberg of blowing this incident up to proportions larger than reality. Salsberg replied that this resolution did have larger implications "because it makes it the Welfare Funds' explicitly reserved right to approve funds for any program in the community."

Further opposition to merger came from David Satok, retiring chairman of CJC, Central Region.

He said merger is undemocratic because "it would not give representation to the people and would give way to an elitist group."

But Abe Arnold, Winnipeg delegate, said if Congress could convince people the folk element and interests in the community would not be subverted, the by-law calling for merger would be more acceptable. He said more planning should be directed towards cultural activities.

Rose Wolfe, Toronto, said Congress has fear

of being swallowed up and losing potency, and should be afraid, because the organization is not strong enough. She said it needs a wider, more popular base.

Other delegates added to the tension when they said they were frustrated by the scarcity of constructive suggestions and lack of democracy at the conference.

But the panelists found consensus on one point. They said the fighting and intensity of feeling at the meeting was a sign of Congress' health.



On Congress priorities panel (from left) are Isador M. Wolfe, Vancouver; Donald Carr, Norman May, and Barbara Frum, all of Toronto; Evelyn Shapiro of Winnipeg and David Sadowski of Toronto. (J. El-Baz)

Mideast mental moulds cracked

TORONTO

Arab-Israeli disengagement agreements have consummated a revolution of prospects for Middle East peace, Dr. Nadav Safran, Harvard University professor of politics and government, told an all-delegate luncheon of the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly.

"The experience of disengagement negotiations cracked the mental moulds that made for rigidity, fatalism, and despair," he said. "It demonstrated to each that the initial position of the opponent was not necessarily impervious to change except by force; that a middle ground can be found between the disparate positions, which both sides can willingly accept and deem to be advantage-

ous, and that external mediation, intelligently pursued, need not take the form of imposition, and can be crucial in promoting accord."

Dr. Safran added that the significance of the agreements in the context of the big powers is that eventual American predominance is implied, and that this will help maintain U.S.-USSR detente. He explained that Soviet predominance would have led to continued confrontation.

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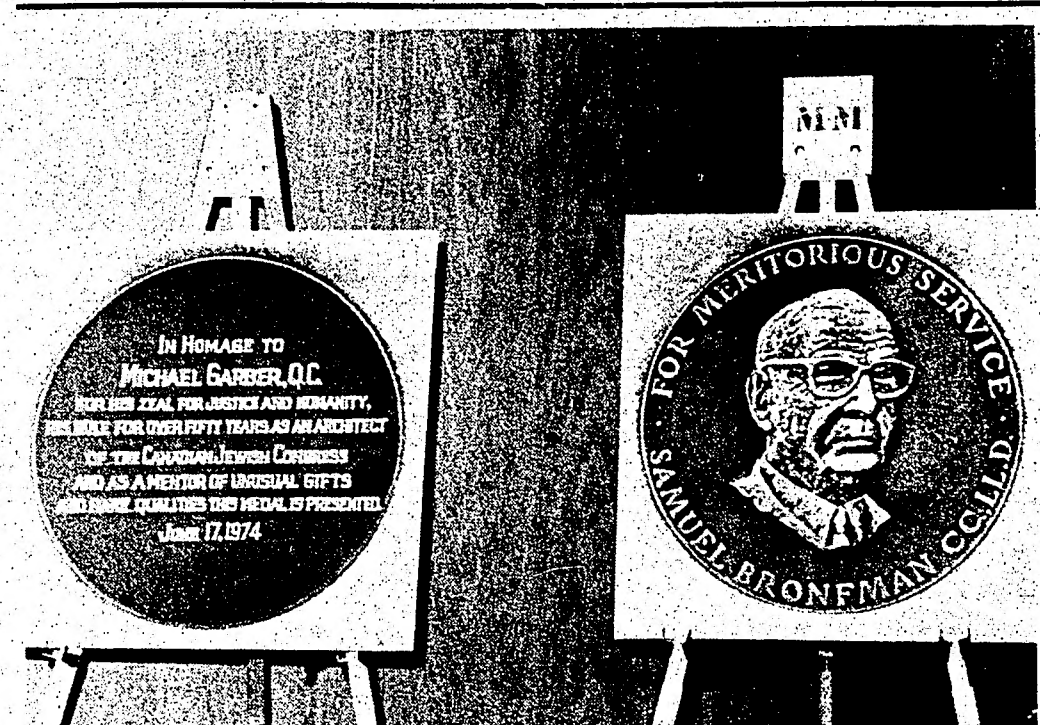
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1. BRIDGEMAN, Feiga or Fania, either she or her husband a well-known pianist, presumably reside in Toronto, daughter of Aaron Fruman (Freeman), visited Russia in 1948 - 1950, has a brother: Miron, another relative is still in Kharkov, Ukraine, sought by niece, Svetlana Kupchik, arrived in Jerusalem from Moscow in January, 1973.
2. WIZEN (Wiesen), Herszel, born in Lublin, Poland, wife Ryfka, nee Altshim, daughter, Haia, left Lodz, Poland for Canada in 1936, 56, brother, Joseph, in Lodz, sought by Edward Nowak formerly Itzek-Mordko Mandelkejer, a nephew, born in Turbin, son of Itzek and Etel, residing in Krakow, Poland.
3. FINKLER, Abraham (Arnold), born in Radoszyce, Poland, about 65, son of Israel Josef, in the construction business, sought by cousin, Helena Klayman, nee Rubin, daughter of Isaac and Sarah, nee Bialer, married, now in Newark, N.J.
4. ZELSON, Riva, nee Zalutsky, daughter of Jakob and Idis, married, husband, Abraham and children, Berel, Israel and Malka, sought by niece, Haja Shteinshneid, daughter of Michael and Ester, born in Kishiniov, Bessarabia, 68, now in Israel.
5. BURASH, Gitl, born in Terasopol, Ukraine, daughter of Michel-Moishe, sought by nephew, Heinrich Aizen, born in Leningrad, 33, son of Jehuda and Eida, now in Israel.
6. AVERBUKH, Usher and Iosif, in Toronto since 1920, sought by cousin, I.V. Averbukh, Odessa, Russia.
7. PLACEK, Anny; STOKAL, D. Daniel; BOSCHAN, Leo; STAFFORD, Paul, Michael and Samuel; STANITZKY, Jacob; WOLLNIK, Anna; VON DREGER, Frederick; SKUBAL, Vojtech; REISS, Leopold; DE HYROSS, Joseph; OBERLAND, Mrs. M.; TANACS, Mrs. A. all of Toronto and VOGEL, Stepanka of St. Catharines; BECHERT, O.M., of Ottawa; YAKUCH, V.M., of Windsor; WILSON, Martha of Sarnia; VARGA, John, of Sparta, Ont., all persons named former residents of Toronto and other Ontario cities, are sought by THE FOREIGN CLAIMS COMMISSION, Ottawa.
8. SHUCHMAN-SHULMAN, Hirshel, 60, butcher, son of Leibe and Teive, born in Smilovitz, sought by sister, Maire (Mary) Zlatkina, born in Smilovitz, Province of Minsk, nee Shuchman, now in Israel.

9. RABINOVITCH, Morika, Kishiniov, Bessarabia, born in Balta, Ukraine, 72, son of Moishe, sought by niece, Gitl Rabinovitch, nee Leykin, married name Rosen, daughter of Nukhim, born in Kishiniov, mother's name of Morika is Pesia.
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11. NEYMAN, Jerzy, somewhere in Canada since 1950, born in Russia, 65, sought by Boris Dekster, son of Zeigerman, wife, Nadezhda, person sought is a professor of mathematics.
12. CHARITONSKI, Moshe, in Canada since 1919, son of Yeshayahu, born in Staikin, Ukraine, sought by cousin, Yakov Charitonski, son of Mordechai, now in Jerusalem, Israel.
13. WAISGOR, Abraham, son of Nuta, born in Zhitomir, Ukraine, 90, sought by niece, Gitel Sukoniz, daughter of Avram and Sara, 40, now in Israel.
14. GLEKL, Basis, daughter of Zisia and Tziur, born in Kipel, Ukraine, 66, in Canada since 1925, sought by niece, Rivka Gertzenstein, daughter of Yakov and Sheindel, 60, now in Israel.
15. GOLDWATER, Sandig and Morris, residents of Toronto, sought by Marian Feldbrill, San Francisco.
16. SHEKTER, Yulis, in Canada since 1962, grocer, born in Barlad, Roumania, 64, sought by Gizella Isaac, daughter of Isaac and Ana, nee Itzik, Toronto.
17. GOODMAN (Gutman), Idel, last known address 14 Kensington Place, Toronto, in Canada since 1914, born in Mozyr, White Russia, merchant, brother of Mihail and Hershel (Zvi), has a son Aaron, 45, and daughter, Tema, 40, born in Toronto, sought by nephew, Arkadi Kuitman, son of Mihail and Olga, nee Kaplan, born in Leningrad, 40, a recently arrived immigrant from Russia now in Toronto. (Photo of person sought on file).
18. LEVIN, Leon, born in 1904, has four fingers on one hand, lives somewhere in Canada, sought by sister in Kiev, Russia.
19. WENIGER, Sara, daughter of Herschel and Hendy, presumably residing in Toronto, sought by a Mr. Weniger, Toronto.
20. ROKACH, Rifka, daughter of Moses and Chaya, a resident of Toronto, sought by Recka Weniger-Kohn, Toronto, daughter of Abraham.
21. BERGMAN, Bella, nee Grinspun, daughter of Abraham, last known address in Toronto - 151 Elmridge Rd., in Canada since 1912, sought by brother, Rafael Grinspun, son of Abraham and Hanah, born in Pulin, Russia, 72, now in Israel.
22. LIBMAN, Shlomo, son of Gersh and Keila, in Canada since 1920, residing in Toronto, sisters - Haia and Tuba, sought by cousin, Aharon Libman, son of Meilach and Ides, born in the same city of Pehumbeni, Bessarabia, 66, now in Israel.

RELATIVES SOUGHT APRIL 1974

1. BLUMENTHAL, Rosa, in Canada since 1932, born in Przysucha, Poland, 65, daughter of Moshe-Chemia, sought by nephew, Wolf Didicki, son of Luzer and born in Lodz, Poland, 64, wife - Sabina, Toronto, was in the States, but married a Toronto resident and presumably resided in Toronto.
2. SEGAL, Ben, in Canada since 1914, born in Mogitiov, Novograd-Volynsk, Ukraine, brother of Joseph - daughters Rivka and Ita, sought by Rachel Segal, now in Israel.
3. YOZEF, Rivka, widow, of Galatz, Roumania, in Canada since 1966, has a daughter, Rachel, sought by uncle, Lupu Josef, he has two children - Moishe-Leib Josef and Shoshana.

RELATIVES SOUGHT MAY 1974

1. ZILBERMAN, Elia, a former resident of Israel, born in Bolgrad, Russia, 66, son of David and Etilla, brother - Israel, sought by brother, Israel Zilberman, Bucharest, Roumania.
2. SHMULIK, Zalmen, in Canada since 1914, tailor, son of Yoshe and Taibe, sought by nephew, Itzhak Shmulik, son of Reuven and Taibe, born in Swislocz, White Russia, now in Israel.
3. WEISS, Rosalia, from Czechoslovakia, last known address was Edmonton, sought by Foreign Claims Commission, Ottawa.
4. SHUB, Rafael (Raphael) was in Riga Concentration Camp, last known address in 1950 was 180 Major Street, Toronto, presumably employed in lumber yard, sought by friend, Shlomo Peer who was with him in the Riga, Latvia, Camp.
5. ROSENBERG, Gerald, born in Canada, 50, mother's name Lea, last known address - 33 Ontario Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, sought by son - Yehoshua Elia, Israel.
6. ROZENCWAJG, Harry (Hersz), somewhere in Canada or New York, brother of Genia Gwozdinska, Yochved Wudka, Tema Beglajter and Andzia Marenblid, sought by brother, Sewek (Shya) Rozencwaig, born in Warsaw, Poland, 53, son of Abram and Ruchel, Montreal.

RELATIVES SOUGHT JUNE 1974

1. ZELTZER, Salo, presumably in Toronto since 1954, textile expert, 49, born in Austria, sought by friend, Christien Sigurdson, born in Reykjavik, Iceland, daughter of Sigurd and Maria, was employed by Gefjun Textiles.
2. KOTLAR (Kotlarensko), Chaim-Harry, in Canada since 1923, son of Buma and Sara, a lawyer, sought by cousin, Ben-Tzion Kotlarensko, born in Radomishl, Ukraine, 53, son of Michel and Malka, now in Israel. The sister of person sought is a pharmacist, named Betty, nee Freedman, last known address 22 Frontenac Avenue, Toronto.
3. GEVERTZ, Moshe, son of Israel and Dvora, in Canada since 1906, born in Zhelintzi, Ukraine, 74, sought by cousin, Chava Chersonsky, daughter of Chaim-Menashe and Ester, 60, now in Israel.
4. MAGIDMAN, Chana, in Toronto since 1934, born in Copresht, Roumania (Bessarabia), daughter of Israel and Chana (stepmother), sought by nephew, Mendel-Misha Magidman, son of Liava and Sara, born in Orgeiev, Bessarabia, now in Israel.
5. TZIPENIUK, Yakov, son of Zelig and Shifra, in Canada since 1924, born in Brasilov, Ukraine, 62, sought by Ester Litvinov, nee Tzipeniuk, daughter of Reuven and Mania, 52, born in the Ukraine, now in Israel.

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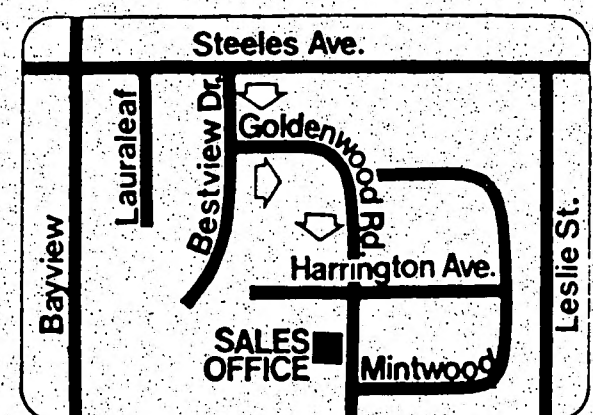


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Goldman, Samuel - On June 14, late of 4383 Bathurst St. 21

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Toronto theatre reaps benefit of rewarding, painful journey

theatre

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Summer theatre is flourishing in the city thanks to director Marion Andre and his company, Theatre Plus, now in its second season at the St. Lawrence Centre.

The "journey" from Le Havre, France, where he was born, to Toronto, has been long, sometimes rewarding, sometimes painful. He grew up in Poland and received his theatrical training there. His parents were involved in amateur theatre and encouraged his artistic nature. He spent the war years in Europe, was a prisoner of war, but escaped.

When I mentioned that

such an experience had an effect on his work, his answer was a quiet, thoughtful, "obviously... naturally it had tremendous influence upon my work and obviously upon my psyche, but at the same time upon my 'interests'. I think this is why I feel there is a need for theatre that is politically and socially oriented."

A theatre that would grapple in one way or another, be it in a comedy fashion or a dramatic fashion, with contemporary issues.

"It seems to me an issue that needs to be continually discussed is the issue of the Holocaust. Canada probably is one of the few countries in the world where the Holocaust is, to put it mildly, shrugged off."

The commitment to this idea and to the idea of presenting good plays that are entertaining as well as meaningful, is evident in the work Andre has

done. An opportunity to do such a play came while he was artistic director of the Saidye Bronfman Centre in Montreal. The play was *The Man In The Glass Booth*, and the experience developed into a "cause celebre. *The Man In The Glass Booth* was a most heartbreaking experience, because it was one rare occasion to involve the whole community, not only the Jewish community in a subject that is not being discussed sufficiently and in depth."

The play is about a Jew, a survivor of a concentration camp, who is so tortured by the guilt that he did survive that awful experience, that it makes him mentally unbalanced. He assumes the role of a Nazi officer, deliberately continues this role playing so he is tried by an Israeli court for war crimes, but is finally found out by his fellow camp-mates who "expose" him as Jewish and not a Nazi. At the end of the play it is assumed he is taken away

to a mental asylum.

The idea of doing the play was met with strong, persistent opposition by a small group of survivors from concentration camps. Consequently, a few days before the opening, he held a special performance, a performance Andre describes as "incredible."

He says of that performance: "Everyone seemed to be for it, really literally everybody was for it: it's so much behind me that I couldn't exaggerate if I wanted to." But everyone wasn't for it. The next day there were threats of bombs, pickets, and stones if the play went on. The board

at the Saidye Bronfman Centre gave in; the performance was cancelled. Andre came to Toronto after that, his outward looking ideas were not compatible with the inward looking ideas of the board.

After teaching at York University in early 1973, he and his wife Ina formed Theatre Plus, a company dedicated to producing meaningful entertaining plays (the present work, *The Philanthropist* is quite a funny-sad-marvellous play) but with something extra, hence the "plus" -- a company that displays artwork in the lobby for a kind of total theatre effect.

'Canadian sound should represent tastes of all segments of multi-ethnic community'

music

By RICK KARDONNE

To me, upper Bathurst Street, Van Horne Avenue, Thirteenth Avenue, Forest Hill, Van Nuys and Chicago North Shore (or for that matter, Dizengoff Street, Golders Green or East Melbourne) are home ground, Downtown Toronto, Montreal, Chicago or London all contain elements of Jewish culture mixed in with many other elements, and I would feel a sense of familiarity there.

I also feel a degree of familiarity with other cultures to which I have been exposed since early childhood: WASP, Afro-North American, Italian-American, Canadian, etc., as well as the ability to communicate with anybody in English or French. But if I was forced to live in either Newfoundland or West Virginia or, for that matter, in totally non-Jewish environments clo-

ser to any major city, whether they be in the United States or Canada, I would inevitably feel culturally stranded.

This is why, to me, I feel more akin to Jewish performers in America, Israel (and Canada) than to Gordon Lightfoot or Anne Murray, even though the latter two are "Canada's pride." Similarly, I would feel more akin to a good Canadian Jewish singer who did not try to assimilate, than to Merle Haggard, even though I grew up in the U.S. To me, the concept of a "marketable Canadian sound" in pop music and a "Canadian style of theatre" is often contradictory, to the multi-ethnic mosaic that Canada really is. Too often, the "Canadian sound" has meant the tastes of the dominant WASP group; a sound indistinguishable

(except for a certain degree of dilution) to an American folk-rock; with only token representation (outside of Quebec) to the musical tastes of non-WASP ethnic groups.

There is a distinct folk music style in Maritime Canada, but there is no such thing as a Canadian sound, since Canada is multi-ethnic. Since most ethnic groups now want to do their own thing, Canadian content creative arts should be multi-ethnic and welcome equal participation by all ethnic groups. By and large, this has not been the case. In the pop scene, many Jewish and Black artists have had to go stateside for proper exposure.

The Black music community in Toronto, which has been largely shut out of the local pop music scene, has opted for identification with Black pop-

lations elsewhere, whether in the U.S., the West Indies, or Africa. The Jewish population has tried and partially succeeded (but only partially) in gaining acceptance to the emergent Canadian scene, especially in regards to the newer privately-owned media outlets such as CITY-TV, one of the best independent stations anywhere.

But still, our orientation is to New York, Tel Aviv and Hollywood; and why not? If more of us make their careers here in the media, it will be because Toronto or Mon-

trealmight one day in the future more resemble those three cities in cultural climate. But my outlook basically does remain Jewish first, Canadian (or American) second.

Canadian content quotas at the CRTC and the Ben Nobleman CNE proposals remain vital to ensure the existence of all local talent. But when I mean local talent, I mean not only mainstream WASP, but also Jewish, Black, Italian, Ukrainian, Greek, etc. This is what the Canadian mosaic should be.

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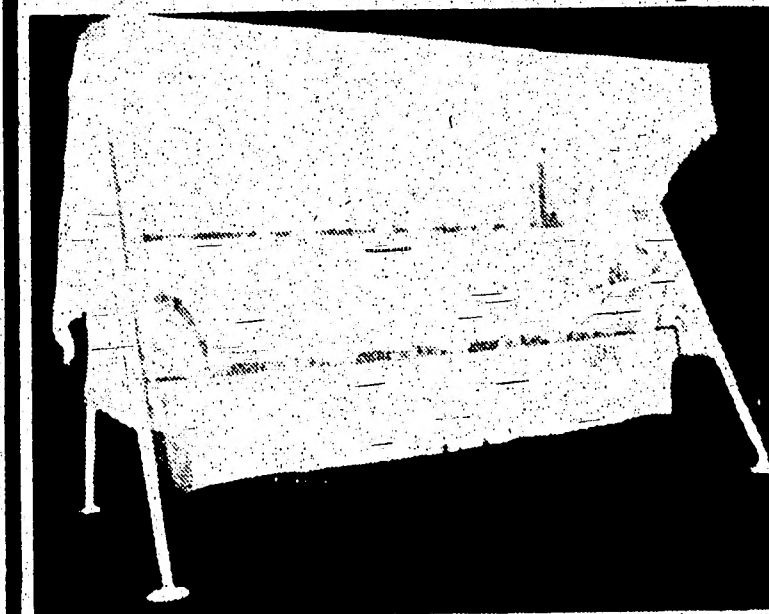


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